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An Act to incorporate The Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association. 9th July, 1847.

Whereas an Association hath been formed in the City of Montreal, in this Province by divers persons connected with the Fire Department of the said City, under the name of The Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association, for the purpose of affording relief to those Firemen who may be injured in health or in limb, in the discharge of their duties as Firemen; and of allowing a funeral benefit to the relatives of those Firemen who may die from injuries received whilst engaged in their duties as Firemen; And whereas the persons hereinafter named, Office-bearers of the said Association, and acting on behalf of the members thereof, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that they have formed themselves into an Association, and acquired considerable funds for the purposes aforesaid, and have further represented that the benefits derivable from such an Association, to that class of the community of which they form part, would not only be secured, but be greatly enhanced by the incorporation of the members thereof, and have prayed to be so incorporated; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioners, subject to the provisions and enactments hereinafter set forth and made in that behalf: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Bower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Wm. Spears, M. Moses, David Brown, John Fletcher, Norton B. Corse, John Orr, Alex. Bertram, Wm. Muir, Norman S. Frost, Olivier Rodier, W. Ewan, D. McNeven, James Morrison, Philip Groux, Abraham Wilson, John Ferguson, George Rogers, Robert Wright, John Perrigo, John R. Cameron, James Ruthven, Wm. Watson, Wm. Stewart, H. Colquhon, John Ranson, J. B. Tison, Arthur Samuels, S. Robinson, S. McConkey, Thomas Hood, and _____ Brouiette, with all such other persons as now are, or being duly competent, may hereafter be associated with them for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and their successors for ever, shall be one body politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name and style of The Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association, and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power, from time to time, to alter, renew or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, to them and their successors as aforesaid, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, without any further authorization or letters of mortmain, all land or property moveable or immoveable, which may hereafter be acquired, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation, or to sell, alienate, convey, let, or lease the same, if need be: Provided always, that the rents, issues and profits arising from the immoveable property of the said Corporation, shall not at any time exceed the annual sum of one thousand pounds, current money of this Province; and shall and may, by the same name, be able and capable to sue and be sued, implead and be

impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all Courts of Law and places, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner and form as any other body politic and corporate, or any persons able and capable in law, may or can sue, implead, or answer, or be sued, impleaded or answered in any manner whatsoever.

II. And be it enacted, That in all and every suit or suits in law which may hereafter be instituted against the said Corporation, service of process at the residence of the President, Secretary, or Treasurer, shall be sufficient to compel the said Corporation to appear and plead to such suit or suits; any law, custom or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

III. And be it enacted, That the members of the said Corporation, or the major part of those who shall be present at any General Meeting of the said Corporation, held according to the requirements and provisions of this Act, shall have power and authority to frame and make By-laws, Rules and Regulations (not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act) touching and concerning the admission of members, the conditions upon which any person shall remain a member of the said Corporation, the immunities and privileges such member or his heirs shall receive from the said Corporation, and for appointing such officers for managing the affairs thereof, and investing them with such powers, and granting them such tenure of office as the Corporation may deem expedient, and for the good government of the said Corporation and the income and property thereof, and any other matter or thing relative to the same, which to them may seem fit or expedient for the effectual attainment of the objects of the said Corporation, and the administration of its concerns.

IV. And be it enacted, That at any time after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any ten members of the said Corporation, by a notice to be published at least ten days previously, in one or more newspapers published in the City of Montreal, to call a General Meeting of the members of the Corporation, to be held at some certain place in the said City, to be named in such notice, on a day and at an hour to be also named therein; and at such meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the majority of the members present (the whole members present not being less than twenty, except for the purpose of choosing a Chairman and adjourning, for which any number shall suffice) shall have power to make any such By-laws as aforesaid.

V. And be it enacted, That until the first election of a Board of Management shall take place under the By-laws to be passed as aforesaid, the present Board of Management of the said Association shall be, and continue to be, the Board of Management of the Corporation hereby created.

VI. And be it enacted, That no member of the said Corporation shall, in his private or natural capacity, be liable for any debts or obligations of the said Corporation.

VII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be held and considered to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of, held and considered in all Courts of Justice, and by all Judges and Justices of the Peace, and by all others whom it may concern, without being specially pleaded.