

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1849. Montreal: Stewart Derbishire & George Desbarats, 1849.

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An Act to authorize the Community of the Nuns of the General Hospital of Quebec, to acquire and hold additional Real and Personal property to a certain amount. 25th April, 1849.

Whereas the Superior, the Assistant and other Professed Nuns of the Community of the General Hospital of Quebec, forming the Council of the said Community, have, by their Petition, prayed that the said Community may be empowered to acquire and hold property to a certain amount over and above that which they now possess; And whereas by reason of the great usefulness of the said Institution, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition: 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, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Superior, Assistant, and other Professed Nuns, forming the Council of the said Community, and their Successors in office, to acquire and receive by donation, devise, bequest or otherwise, and to hold for the use of the said Community by the name of The Community of the Nuns of the General Hospital of Quebec, and according to the Rules and By-laws of that Institution, any kind of Real property whatever lying within Lower Canada or any annual and constituted rents (*rentes constituées*) or ground rents (*rentes foncières*) secured upon any such property or any sums of money in the Public Funds of the United Kingdom, or secured by debentures on the Public Revenue of this Province, or any other species of property whatsoever in Lower Canada, producing in the whole a fixed and permanent income not exceeding two thousand pounds currency, per annum, over and above all property legally held by or for the use of the said Community at the time of the passing of this Act, and to sell or alienate the said property (as well such as they now hold as such as they may hereafter acquire) and to purchase and acquire other property of what kind soever in lieu thereof in Lower Canada, provided the whole amount of income derived from the property to be so held at any one time under the authority of this Act, shall not at any onetime exceed the said sum of two thousand pounds currency; any thing in the laws commonly called the "Laws of Mortmain," or in any Act or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.