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An Act to incorporate the Library Association of the Teachers of the District of Quebec. 30th May, 1849.

Whereas there hath existed at Quebec for several years, an Association known by the name of the Teachers' Association of the District of Quebec, founded for the purposes of union, mutual instruction and general progress; and for better attaining these purposes the members of the said Association have established a Library and Reading Room, and hold general Meetings every two months, at which they discuss by means of lectures, essays and debates, subjects adapted for the diffusion of instruction and the development of useful and practical knowledge among the inhabitants of the City of Quebec and its neighbourhood; And whereas Benoit Marquette, the President, Félix E. Juneau, Secretary, and Antoine Légaré, N. Juneau, J. Labranche, Benjamin Blumhart, François Fortin, François Toussaint, Antoine Pâquet, Edouard Lajeunesse, Charles Pâquet, Théophile Dufresne, F. X. Gilbert, Paul Thibodeau, J. Létourneau, Flavien Pâquet, Joseph Croteau, Abraham Jouvin, Edouard Dolbec, Charles Dion, Clément Cazeau and J. B. Dugal, members of the said Association, have set forth in their petition to the Legislature, that the said Association has been established for the purposes of union, mutual instruction and general progress, and that a great number of lectures and essays have, by its intervention, been given to the public; and have further represented that for the more readily and effectually attaining the objects for which the said Association was founded, it is necessary that it should be incorporated; And whereas it is expedient that the prayer of the Petitioners should be granted, subject nevertheless to the provisions hereinafter made: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the 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 Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said officers and members, and all such other persons as are now or shall hereafter become members of the said Association, and their successors for ever, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Library Association of the Teachers of the District of Quebec, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, if they deem it expedient to have one, which seal they may at their pleasure change or alter, and by the said name they may from time to time and at all times, have, acquire and possess in any manner whatsoever, for them and their successors, and for the purposes of the said Corporation, any goods or property real or personal, provided the annual revenue of such real property shall not exceed the sum of One hundred pounds currency of this Province, and shall and may by the same name be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all Courts and places whatsoever in as large, ample and beneficial a manner and form as any other body politic or 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 suits and legal proceedings to be brought against the said Corporation, service of Process at the domicile of the Secretary of the Corporation, shall be sufficient service thereof for all purposes of law.

III. And be it enacted, That the Officers of the said Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Managing Committee consisting of all the Officers of the Corporation and of six other Members.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Officers of the said Corporation, together with the members of the Managing Committee, shall be elected for one year only by the members of the Society, at the general meeting which shall be held on the first Saturday in September in each year; they may, however, be re-elected with their own consent; sufficient notice shall be given by the Secretary eight days before such election; Provided always, that, if the said election should not take place on the day hereinabove appointed for it, it may be had at any other subsequent regular meeting of the said Corporation specially called for this purpose by the President, or in his default, by the Vice-President.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation may for its internal and external government, and for the management of its property, adopt such Constitution and make such By-laws as may be thought proper; and such Constitution shall not be annulled, altered or amended except at some meeting at which at least twenty members shall be present, and by two-thirds of the members present at such meeting; and any motion tending to annul, alter or amend any Article of such Constitution, shall be read at two consecutive meetings and decided upon at the last reading thereof, in addition to a notice of one week which shall be given before the first reading thereof; and no such By-law shall be annulled, altered or amended except at some meeting at which at least fifteen members shall be present, nor until after at least eight days previous notice: Provided always, that neither the said Constitution nor the said By-laws shall be repugnant to this Act or to the laws of Lower Canada.

VI. And be it enacted, that the members of the said Corporation, whether they shall have become such before or after the passing of this Act, shall pay an annual contribution to be fixed by the By-laws of the Corporation, which contribution, if not duly paid, may be recovered in any Court of civil jurisdiction, in that part of this Province formerly the Province of Lower Canada.

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