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**An Act to incorporate L'Academie Industrielle de St. Laurent, in the District of Montreal. 30th May, 1849.**

Whereas it hath been represented to the Legislature of the Province by the Reverend Jean Baptiste St. Germain, Rector of the Parish of St. Laurent, the Reverend Louis Augustin Vérité, the Reverend Jean Baptiste François Réfour, Léonard Aimé Duprez, and Louis Joseph Vermond, Members of an Association for affording primary instruction to young persons and for establishing Schools of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Arts and Trades, that it is necessary to provide for the endowment of the said Institution, and to establish it permanently by incorporating the Members thereof, and enabling it to hold Real Estate, the said Reverend Jean Baptiste St. Germain offering for that purpose to endow the said intended Corporation with fifty-one arpents of land in the Village of St. Laurent, on certain conditions, and according to the agreement to be made between him and the said Corporation; And whereas an Act incorporating the said Institution and enabling it to hold Real Estate as above mentioned, would conduce greatly to the progress of education in this country: 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 the same, That there is hereby created and established in the said Parish of St. Laurent, a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of La Corporation de l'Academie Industrielle de St. Laurent, which Corporation shall consist of the present Rector (Curé) of the Parish of St. Laurent, and of the Reverend Louis Augustin Vérite and Jean Baptiste François Réfour, Léonard Aimé Desprez, and Louis Joseph Vermond, and of all such persons as shall regularly become Members of the said Corporation, provided the whole number of Members shall not exceed ten; and the said Corporation shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to change, alter, break or renew the same, when and so often as to them shall seem meet; and the said Corporation may by the said Dame, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all Courts of Justice in this Province, and shall have power to make and establish such and so many By-laws, Rules and Regulations, not being inconsistent with the Laws of Lower Canada, as they shall deem useful and necessary, either with regard to the course of instruction in the branches of education aforesaid, or to the conduct and management of the said Corporation and the superintendence and improvement of the property thereof, moveable or immoveable; and shall have power to acquire by any legal title of what nature soever, and to possess and hold for the said Corporation in Lower Canada without any further License or Letters of Mortmain, any lands or property real or personal which may be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation, and the same to alienate if need shall be; Provided always, that the net rents, revenues and proceeds of the property and possessions of the said Corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of four thousand pounds,

current money of this province per annum; and the said Corporation shall also have power for the management of its affairs to appoint one or more Attorneys if it be deemed expedient so to do.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all the property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation, as well as all the revenues arising therefrom, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the advancement of education in the several branches aforesaid, and for no other object, institution or establishment whatsoever.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall make annual returns to both Houses of the Legislature, stating the names of the Members, number of Scholars, and the general state of endowment and Corporation; which said returns shall be presented within the first twenty days of the sitting of the Legislature.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and other Officers, and by all other persons whatsoever, who shall take notice thereof, without its being specially pleaded.

V. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend to derogate from or affect any right or privilege of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any person or persons, Body Politic or corporate, such only excepted as are herein expressly mentioned and affected.