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**An Act to enable George Carruthers and others to carry into effect the Will of the late Doctor Richard Noble Starr. 30th May, 1849.**

Whereas Richard Noble Starr, late of the Township of Carradoc, in the District of London, Surgeon, deceased, in and by his last will and testament, bearing date the fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, after bequeathing certain real and personal property to certain persons therein named, did devise to and constitute George Carruthers, H. Hogg, and William Hatelic, his executors, certain other personal property therein mentioned, with directions to sell the same to invest the proceeds in Government Debentures, and of the interest thereof to apply one half to the said Township of Carradoc, and the other half to the Township of Ekfrid, for the purpose of forming a Public Library, to be placed under a Committee in each, and for the benefit of each of the aforesaid Townships respectively, on condition that each of said Townships should build a house for the reception of the Books contemplated by the said Will; And whereas the Inhabitants of each of the said Townships of Carradoc and Ekfrid, at their own costs and charges have erected a suitable and convenient building in their said respective Townships, for the purposes of the said Library; And whereas the said Executors have sold the personal property mentioned in the said Will, and invested the proceeds thereof in Bank Stock, on which: dividends have accrued and are accruing, wherewith additional Books to the said Libraries may be from time to time procured; And whereas it is desirable to give effect to the said Will, and carry out the praiseworthy intentions of the said Testator: 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 Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the said Townships of Carradoc and Ekfrid respectively, whose names are on the then last Assessment Rolls for the said Townships, on the first Monday in the month of June next, and in every succeeding year, to assemble together and elect five of such inhabitants of each of the said Townships respectively, who shall form and constitute a Committee for the purposes aforesaid, (who shall elect one of themselves to be Chairman of the Committee,) who shall continue in office for one year, but who nevertheless may be re-elected.

II. And be it enacted. That each of the said Committees of the said Townships of Carradoc and Ekfrid, shall be a body corporate, under the name of The Carradoc (or Ekfrid) Starr Library Society, as the case may be, capable of suing and being sued, and shall have a Common Seal, and other the usual powers and rights of bodies corporate, not inconsistent with the laws of this Province, and shall and may have power and authority to purchase, accept and hold lands in the said Townships of Carradoc and Ekfrid respectively, not exceeding live acres for them and their successors in office

for the purposes of the said Library; And further, that it shall be lawful for the said George Carruthers, H. Hogg, and William Hatelie, or any of them to transfer, assign, convey and set over, or cause to be transferred, assigned, conveyed, and set over unto the said bodies corporate respectively, all Moneys, Bank Stock, Government Debentures, Lands, Tenements, or other real or personal property whatever in their possession, custody, control or management, or which may have come to their hands as executors of the said late Richard Noble Starr, and for the purposes of the said Library, according to the terms, intent and meaning of the said devise.

III. And be it enacted, That the failure to hold the first General Meeting of the inhabitants of the said Townships respectively, or any other meeting thereof, to elect such Committee as aforesaid, shall not dissolve the Corporation, but such failure or omission may be supplied by and at any special meeting to be called on the written requisition of any twelve inhabitants of the said Township, of which public notice shall be given in conformity with such By-laws as the Corporation may see fit to adopt, and until such election of a new Committee, that which may be in office for the time being, shall be and continue in office and exercise all the rights and powers thereof, until such new election be made as hereinbefore provided.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Corporations respectively shall have power to make and frame By-laws for the government, management and control of their said Libraries, and rules and regulations for conducting the business thereof, in all its particulars and details, and also at any time to alter, change, modify and repeal the same, or any of them.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.