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An Act to incorporate “The Saint Lawrence School of Medicine of Montreal.” 30th August, 1851.

Whereas Francis C. T. Arnoldi, Robert L. Macdonnell, Horace Nelson, Aaron H. David, George D. Gibb and George E. Fenwick, Licensed Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery for the Province, have united for the purpose of giving Public Lectures and Instruction on the various Branches of Science connected with the exercise of their profession, and have, for that purpose, established a Public Medical School, with suitable apparatus and convenience; and have by their petition represented, that if they and their successors were incorporated and invested with the powers hereinafter mentioned, they would be able still further to increase their means of affording adequate instruction to their pupils; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners: 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 the said Francis C. T. Arnoldi, Robert L. Macdonnell, Horace Nelson, Aaron H. David, George D. Gibb and George E. Fenwick, and their successors, and those who may hereafter become associated with them or their successors, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby constituted a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of “The Saint Lawrence School of Medicine of Montreal,” and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter or make anew the same, and may by that name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all Courts of Law or Equity in this Province; and may purchase, take and hold real and personal property, provided the real property so held by the said Corporation, does not at any time exceed the value of Five Thousand Pounds currency, and may alienate the same, and acquire other property instead thereof.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever any of the Members of the said Corporation shall die, or shall become permanently resident out of the City of Montreal, or shall resign, (and any Member shall be at liberty so to resign,) or it shall be deemed advisable to increase the number of Members thereof, (which the said Corporation may always do,) then the said Corporation shall elect the Candidate or Candidates by ballot.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall yearly cause to be delivered at least one hundred and twenty Lectures each of at least one hour’s duration, in accordance herewith, and on the subjects provided by the twelfth section of the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty’s Reign, and intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the Study and Practice of Physic and Surgery therein*, to be given by competent Lecturers between the first day of November and the last day of April.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Fee to be demanded of any Pupil on his entry or matriculation in the said School, shall not exceed Ten Shillings currency, to be applied by the Corporation in such manner as it may deem proper.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall have power to make such By-Laws as may be necessary for the conduct of its affairs and business, the government of its Pupils, and for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, as to the Members thereof shall, from time to time, appear expedient, and as shall not be in any wise repugnant to or inconsistent with this Act or to law.

VI. And be it enacted, That all the powers of the said Corporation may be validly exercised by any majority of the Members thereof for the time then being, and that any Deed or Instrument under the Seal of the Corporation, and signed by any such majority of the Members for the time being, or by such person as shall be appointed as their Attorney for that purpose, shall be held to be a Deed of the Corporation; and any service of Process or otherwise, made at the place at which the said Medical School shall be kept, (and if in such case personal service be required, but not otherwise, on one of the Members of the Corporation), shall be deemed a valid service upon the said Corporation.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall be bound, when required by the Governor, or person administering the Government for the time being, to render true Statements of their Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Real and Personal Estate held and enjoyed by the said Corporation.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and taken and received as such in all Courts of Justice, and by all persons in this Province.