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**An Act to incorporate the Mutual Assurance Associations of the Fabriques of the Dioceses of Quebec and of Three-Rivers, and of Montreal and Saint Hyacinthe. Assented to 23rd May, 1853.**

Whereas certain Fabriques of the Diocese of Quebec and Three-Rivers are desirous of forming a Mutual Assurance Association, for the purpose of mutual assistance in the case of the destruction by fire of churches, chapels, parsonage houses and sacristies to them belonging, and in order to ensure to the said Association a legal existence, have petitioned the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation in favor thereof, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition, and also to extend the like powers and privileges to the Fabriques of the Dioceses of Montreal and Saint Hyacinthe: 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 Fabriques of the Roman Catholic parishes of the Dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers at present existing, and all other Fabriques of the Parishes to be hereafter erected in either of the said dioceses, which under the provisions of this Act and the By-laws of the said Association shall become members thereof, shall be and they Eire hereby constituted a Body Politic and Corporate, under the name of "The Mutual Assurance Association of the Fabriques of the Dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers," and the Fabriques of the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Dioceses of Montreal and Saint Hyacinthe at present existing, and all other Fabriques of the Parishes to be hereafter erected in either of the said Dioceses, which under this Act and the By-laws of the said Association shall become members thereof, shall be and they are also constituted a Body Politic and Corporate under the name of "The Mutual Assurance Association of the Fabriques of the Dioceses of Montreal and Saint Hyacinthe," and by such names respectively the said Associations shall have perpetual succession and all other the usual rights and privileges of Corporate Bodies: Provided however, that nothing herein contained shall have the effect of obliging any Fabrique to form part of either of the said Associations.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Associations shall respectively have power to make such By-laws, Rules and Regulations as they shall deem necessary for the efficient working and good government thereof, and also from time to time to repeal, alter or modify the same: Provided always, that such By-laws, Rules and Regulations shall not be contrary to the laws, customs and usages in force in this Province.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Associations to effect any insurance or accept any risk upon any buildings other than churches, parsonage-houses, sacristies and other buildings dependent thereon.

IV. And be it enacted, That in case of any loss by fire, each Fabrique shall pay towards covering such loss, in proportion only to the amount for which it shall be insured in the Association.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Mutual Assurance Association of the Dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers shall hold an office in the city of Quebec, and the said Mutual Assurance Association of the Dioceses of Montreal and Saint Hyacinthe shall hold an office in the city of Montreal: Provided always, that so soon as either of the said Associations respectively shall have selected a place within the said cities respectively for holding their said office, they shall give public notice thereof by an advertisement published four times in the English and French languages in the Canada Gazette or other official Gazette or Journal, and should either of the said Associations at any time thereafter determine to remove their office to another part of the said city, they shall publish a similar notice thereof, and the service of any legal or other document at the office of the Association to which such document relates, shall be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes.

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