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An Act to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of St. Michel. Assented to 14th June, 1853.

Whereas there has existed in this Province since the fifth-day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, a Society of Members of the Roman Catholic Clergy, in the Diocese of Quebec, under the name of the “Ecclesiastical Society of St. Michel,” the main object of which association is to afford assistance to members of the said Society in case of infirmity, sickness, old age or helplessness; And whereas the said Society consists of the persons hereinafter named and others, who have represented by their petition that the incorporation of their Society would increase and secure the benefits resulting from it, and prayed to be incorporated, together with their successors in accordance with the rules and provisions herein contained: 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 Right Reverend Pierre Flavien Turgeon, Archbishop of Quebec, Charles François Baillargeon, Bishop of Tloa, and Thomas Cooke, Bishop of Three-Rivers, and the Reverend Thomas Maguire, Laurent Thomas Bedard, François Germain Loranger, Jean Louis Beaubien, and others, Priests, and such other persons as are now, or shall hereafter become, under the provisions of this Act and the By-laws of the said Society, members thereof, together with their successors, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of “The Ecclesiastical Society of Saint Michel,” and by the same name shall hereafter, from time to time and at all times, have power to purchase, acquire, hold, possess, take and receive for themselves and their successors, for the use and behoof of the said corporation, real and immoveable property within this Province, not exceeding in yearly Value One Thousand Pounds currency, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to acquire other such real and immoveable property in the stead thereof for the purposes above mentioned, provided that the Corporation of the said Society shall consist of Ecclesiastics belonging to the Dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers.

II. And be it enacted, That all the personal estate, and all debts, claims and demands belonging to the said Society at the time, of the passing of this Act shall be and they are hereby vested in the said Corporation hereby constituted, and the said Corporation shall in like manner be liable for all debts, dues or claims against the said Society.

III. And be it enacted, That assistance shall not be granted out of the funds of the Society for any object of the Society except that of affording assistance to the members of the Society in case of infirmity, sickness, old age, and helplessness.

IV. And be it enacted, That the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Society, in force at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be and continue to be, the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation, until the same shall be amended or repealed by others to be made by the said Corporation, and the officers and administrators of the said Society, in office at the time of the passing of this Act, and each of them, shall continue to fulfil the duties of their respective offices as officers or administrators of the said Corporation, and manage and administer the affairs thereof, until others shall have been elected in their stead, as provided under the said By-laws, Rules and Regulations.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall be bound, when required by the Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to render to him true statements of their receipts and expenditure, and of all the real and personal estate held and enjoyed by the said Corporation.

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