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An Act to incorporate *The Roman Catholic Institute of Saint Roch's Quebec*. Assented to 14th June, 1853.

Whereas there now exists in the parish of Saint Roch, in the City of Quebec, a Literary Association, under the name of "The Roman Catholic Institute of Saint Roch's, Quebec," possessing a library, giving courses of public lectures, and formed with the praiseworthy object of dispensing among the members of the said Association a love of study and a taste for useful and interesting knowledge; And whereas the Reverend Messieurs Z. Charest, J. B. Z. Bolduc and Pierre Légaré, J. B. Martel, Louis Prevost, G. M. Muir, A. D. Riverin, Prudent Vallée, René Pelchat, F. L. Gauvreau, all acting officers of the said Association, have, by their petition, prayed to be incorporated in order to the more certain and efficacious attainment of the useful objects for which they have formed an Association; And whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer: 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 persons above named and all such as now or hereafter shall form part of the said Association, and their successors for ever, shall be and constitute a Body Politic and Corporate, under the name of "The Roman Catholic Institute of Saint Roch's, Quebec," and by that name may acquire and hold for the purposes of this Act by purchase, donation, demise, or otherwise, any moveable and immoveable property, which they also shall be empowered to sell, transfer and alienate as they shall consider for the advantage and interest of the said Corporation and for the purposes thereof; but the immoveable property of the said Corporation shall in no case exceed in value Two Thousand Pounds current money of this Province, to include the real property and buildings used and occupied by them.

II. The officers of the said Corporation shall be:

Firstly. An Honorary President, an Acting President, two Acting Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Sub-Treasurer, a Recording-Secretary, an Assistant Recording-Secretary, a Corresponding-Secretary, an Assistant Corresponding-Secretary and a Librarian.

Secondly. A Council or Board of Directors, to be composed of the above named Officers, and of twenty other Acting Members, who shall be chosen and elected as hereinafter-provided.

Thirdly. The Acting President and the twenty Members composing the Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot at the General Meeting -which shall take place on the second Monday in May, in each year, previous notice to that effect having been given by the Recording-Secretary in one of

the public newspapers published in the City of Quebec, of the day and hour of such Meeting; and if the second Monday in May shall happen to be a holiday, the General Meeting shall be fixed for the day following.

Fourthly. The above named Officers (with the exception of the Acting President) shall be chosen by the Board of Directors at the Meeting of the said Board which shall take place after the General Election.

III. If for any cause whatsoever the Annual General Meeting shall not take place on the day hereinbefore fixed, the said Meeting shall take place on such other subsequent day as shall be fixed by the Acting President or one of the Vice Presidents, and notice of the holding of such Meeting shall be given as prescribed in the preceding Section; and the officers of the Board of Directors shall remain in office until their successors shall be elected by the General Meeting as aforesaid.

IV. The first General Meeting which shall take place under this Act shall be held within three months after the passing thereof; and in case the Annual General Meeting shall not be held at the place and on the day fixed by the second Section of this Act, the said Meeting shall be summoned in the manner prescribed by the third Section of this Act, within a month after the second Monday in May.

V. The number of members sufficient to constitute a General Meeting shall be sixty, and the number of members of the Board of Directors sufficient to exercise the powers and privileges of the said Board, shall be nine.

VI. The powers and privileges of the Board of Directors shall be, first: to have the direction and administration of the moveable and immoveable property of the said Corporation; secondly, to render every year at the General Meeting to be held for the election of officers and of the Board of Directors, a Report of their proceedings and administration, and to submit a detailed statement of the affairs of the said Corporation; thirdly, to prepare and make the Bylaws necessary for the administration and good government of the Corporation; Provided that the said By-laws shall not be contrary to the provisions of this Act nor to the laws of Lower Canada; and no By-law shall have any effect but from and after the day on which it shall have been approved of at an Annual or Special general Meeting.

VII. Any By-law approved at a General Meeting shall not be afterwards repealed, changed, modified, or altered, unless the party demanding such repeal, change, modification or alteration shall give notice in writing under the signature of the Recording-Secretary, indicating what By-law, whether in whole or in part, he requires repealed, changed, altered or modified, and the said notice shall be posted up in the Reading Room of the said Corporation for at least one month before the day fixed for taking into consideration the repeal, change, alteration or modification of the said By-Law or part thereof; and no repeal, change, alteration, or modification of a By-law or of any part thereof shall take place without the consent of two thirds of the members of the Corporation then present.

VIII. All questions submitted to the consideration of a General Meeting or of the Board of Directors shall be decided by the majority of votes, save and except the repeal, change, alteration or modification as provided in the foregoing Section, and in case of an equal division, the President shall have the casting vote.

IX. The Board of Directors may, whenever they shall deem it necessary, call a Special General Meeting of the members of the Corporation, observing the formalities prescribed by the second Section of this Act.

X. The service of any summons, copy or legal proceeding to which the said Corporation shall be a party, shall be valid if made at the ordinary domicile of the Recording-Secretary of the said Corporation.

XI. None of the members of the said Corporation shall be held personally liable for the debts of the said Corporation.

XII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and the Interpretation Act shall apply thereto.