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**An Act to incorporate the *St. Mary's College of Montreal*. 10th November, 1852.**

Whereas Monseigneur, Ignace, Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal, Félix Martin, H. Durauquet, A. Larcher, A. Havequez, Adolphe Larcher and Jas. Durshaller, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that a College hath been established at Montreal for the education of youth, and have prayed that corporate powers be conferred on the said College, and in consideration of the great advantages to be derived from the said establishment, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: 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 College, which shall be composed of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal, the present Rector of the College, and his successors, the Professors and the Bursar of the said College, and their successors, together with all such other necessary officers as may be hereafter appointed under the provisions of this Act, and their several and respective successors, shall be and is hereby constituted a Body Politic and Corporate indeed and in name, by and under the name of *La Corporation du Collège Ste. Marie à Montreal*, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, renew or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, and to have, take and receive to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, and real or immoveable property and estate, situate, lying and being within this Province not exceeding in yearly value the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds currency, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase others in their stead for the same purpose, and by the said name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all courts of law and places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate, or as any persons able or capable in law may or can sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any matter whatsoever; and any majority of the members of the Corporation for the time being, shall have power and authority to make and establish such By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, not being contrary to this Act or to the laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation and for the management thereof, and for the admission of members into the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter, repeal and change the said By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them, or those of the said Institution in force at the time of the passing of this Act, and shall and may do, execute and perform all and singular other the matters and things relating to the said Corporation and the management thereof, or which shall or may

appertain thereto; subject nevertheless, to the Rules, Regulations, restrictions and provisions hereinafter prescribed and established.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the rents, revenues, issues and profits of all property, real or personal, held by the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and applied solely to the maintenance of the members of the Corporation, the construction and repair of the buildings requisite for the purposes of the said Corporation, and to the advancement of education by the instruction of youth, and the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with, or depending on the purposes aforesaid.

III. And be it enacted, That all and every the estate and property, real and personal, belonging to or hereafter to be acquired by the members of the said Institution, as such, and all debts, claims and rights whatsoever due to them in that quality, shall be and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby established, and all debts due by them or claims against them in their said quality shall be paid and discharged by the said Corporation; and the By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations now made for the management of the said Institution, shall be and continue to be the By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided.

IV. And be it enacted, That the members of the said Corporation, for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint such attorney or attorneys, administrator or administrators of the property of the Corporation, and such officers and teachers and servants of the said Corporation, as shall be necessary for the well conducting of the business and affairs thereof, and to allow to them such compensation for their services respectively as may be right, and shall be capable of exercising such other powers and authority for the well governing and ordering of the affairs of the said Corporation as shall be prescribed by the By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Corporation.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before each branch of the Provincial Legislature, within fifteen days after the beginning of each Session, a detailed statement of the number of members of the said Corporation, the number of teachers employed in the various branches of instruction, the number of scholars under instruction, and the course of instruction pursued, and of the real or immoveable property or estate, and of all personal estate or property producing income or profit, held by virtue of this Act, and of the revenue arising therefrom.

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