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**An Act to incorporate *The Society of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie*. Assented to 24th March, 1853.**

Whereas an Association hath existed for several years in the parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie, in the county of Saguenay, in this Province, under the name of *The Society of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, the object whereof is to afford relief to sick, women and children compelled by poverty to have recourse to the charity of benevolent persons; And whereas the said Association is composed of the persons hereinafter named, and others, who have set forth by their Petition that the incorporation of the said Association would increase and secure the advantages resulting therefrom, and have prayed that they and their successors may be incorporated in conformity with the regulations and provisions hereinafter mentioned: 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 A. Simard, C. Langlois, D. Cimon, C. Duberger, M. A. Zoe Cimon, P. Duberger, M. C. Garon, Agnes Blackburn, Emma Cimon, Maria Anne Blackburn, and Marie Malvina Lemoine, and such other persons as now are or shall under the provisions of this Act and the Bylaws of the said Association be or become Members thereof, shall be and they are hereby constituted a Corporation under the name of *The Society of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, and shall be entitled to acquire, hold, possess, take and receive for the purposes of the said Corporation, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and real or immovable property lying within this Province, not exceeding, in yearly value, the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds currency, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and acquire others in their stead for the purposes above mentioned.

II. And be it enacted, That all and every the estate real and personal belonging to the said Association, and which the said Association or the Members thereof, as such, may hereafter acquire, and all debts, claims and demands due to the said Association, shall be and they are hereby vested in the said Corporation hereby constituted, and the said Corporation shall be liable for all debts due by or claims against the said Association; and the said Corporation shall, when thereunto required by the Governor, lay before him a Statement, of the property held by them, with the value thereof, also of the expenditure, debts and claims of the Corporation, and of the moneys then in their hands.

III. And be it enacted, That, the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Association in force at the time of the passing of this Act not being contrary to this Act, or to any other Act, or law in force in Lower Canada shall be and continue to be the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the said

Corporation until modified, altered or repealed by the said Corporation; and the Officers of the said Association at the time of the passing of this Act, and each of them, shall continue to fulfil their respective duties as Officers of the said Corporation, and to manage and conduct the affairs thereof, until others shall be appointed in their stead, under the said By-laws, Rules and Orders.

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