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An Act to incorporate *l'Hospice St. Joseph de la Maternity de Quebec*. Assented to 19th May, 1855.

Whereas an Association of Catholic Ladies hath existed for several years in the City of Quebec under the name of *l'Hospice St. Joseph de la Maternity de Quebec*, for the establishment of a Lying-in-Hospital in the said City; And whereas the said Ladies have, by their petition, prayed that the said Association may be incorporated, and in consideration of the great benefits which must arise from the said Institution, 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, as follows:

I. Mcsdames Marie Métivier, Luce Casgrain Panet, Hémédine Dionne Taschereau, Virginie Ahier Têtu, Caroline Dionne Têtu, Elizabeth Moreau Pelletier, Henriette Moreau Carrier, Eliza McLean Langevin, Justine Plante Bilodeau and Adèle Dionne Taschereau, and such other persons as shall, under the provisions of this Act, become Members of the said Institution, shall be and are hereby declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of *l'Hospice St. Joseph de la Maternité de Quebec*, and by that name shall 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 Lower Canada, not exceeding at any time in yearly value the sum of two hundred pounds currency, over and above such as may be required for the actual use and occupation of the said Corporation; and the same to hypothecate, sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase others in their stead, for the same purpose, and any majority of the Members of the Corporation for the time being, shall have power and authority to make and establish such rules, orders and regulations, not being contrary to this Act, nor to the Laws in force in Lower Canada, 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 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, stipulations and provisions hereinafter prescribed and established.

II. Provided always that the rents, revenues, issues and profits of all property real and personal held by the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and applied solely to the construction and

repair of the buildings requisite for the purposes of the said Corporation, and the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with or depending on the purposes aforesaid.

III. All and every the estate and property real and personal belonging to the said association or hereafter to be acquired by the Members of the said Association as such, or which may be given to them, 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 the rules, orders and regulations now made or to be made for the management of the said Association, shall be and continue to be the rules, orders and regulations of the said Corporation until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided: Provided always, that the said Corporation shall be liable also to all debts due or to become due by or from the said Association.

IV. 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 shall be reasonable and proper; and all Officers so appointed 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 rules, orders and regulations of the said Corporation.

V. The said Corporation shall make annual Returns to both Houses of the Legislature stating the names of the Members, number of persons relieved, and the general state of the endowment and Corporation; which said Returns shall be presented within the first twenty days of the sitting of the Legislature.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.