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An Act to incorporate the Corresponding Committee at Montreal of the Colonial Church and School Society. Assented to 19th May, 1855.

Whereas the persons hereinafter named have by their Petition represented, that they are officers and members of an Association known by the name of the Corresponding Committee at Montreal of the Colonial Church and School Society; that the Society with which they are thus connected has long labored efficiently and successfully in the cause of education in Lower Canada, maintaining its Schools in various sections of the country chiefly by means of funds contributed by members of the Church of England in Canada and elsewhere; that during the past year there has been employed by the said Society in the Diocese of Montreal alone, sixteen School-Masters and School-Mistresses, at a cost of about nine hundred and fifty pounds; that about seven hundred and fifty children are now being taught in the Schools of the said Society in the said Diocese; that in the month of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the Petitioners opened a Normal and Model School in the City of Montreal under the auspices of the said Society, in which one hundred and ninety children were, at the date of their Petition, receiving a sound and scriptural education; that in consequence of the difficulty which they experience in procuring suitable buildings on lease for the accommodation of their Schools, it is highly desirable that they should have the power of acquiring and holding real property for the purpose of erecting school-houses thereon in the various localities in which their operations are conducted, and that this object would be best obtained and secured by their incorporation, with power to acquire and hold real property to a certain limited extent in different places; and have accordingly prayed to be incorporated for the said purpose: 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 intitled, *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. The persons hereinafter named, that is to say, the Right Reverend Francis Fulford, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal, according to the establishment of the Church of England, the Reverend William T. Leach, the Reverend William Bond, the Reverend Charles Bancroft, and Edward Poston Wilgress, William Henry Robinson, A. F. Holmes, John H. Maitland, Isaac Jones Gibb, Thomas Evans, John H. Winn, Archibald H. Campbell, William C. Evans, and Edward Lewis Montizambert, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, by the name of "The Corresponding Committee at Montreal of the Colonial Church and School Society," for the sole object and purpose of acquiring and holding houses and buildings to be used as Schools and as the dwellings of the teachers thereof, and their dependencies, and the land whereon the same are or may be erected; and the said Corporation shall, by the name aforesaid, 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 above objects and purposes of the said Corporation, any immoveable property situate in the district of Montreal in this Province, and the same, or any part thereof, to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase other immoveable property in its stead for the same purposes; 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 nor to the Laws of 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 and change the said By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them; 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.

II. It shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before the Governor, whenever they shall be required to do so, 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 held by virtue of the present Act.

III. This Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act.