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An Act to incorporate the Benevolent Society of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, at Montreal. Assented to 30th May, 1855.

Whereas an Association hath existed for several years in the City of Montreal, under the name of the Benevolent Society of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, at Montreal, the object whereof is to afford, under certain regulations, means of subsistence to such of its members as are unable to work from old age, sickness, infirmity, or any other preventative cause, and to afford similar assistance and other advantages to the widows and children of deceased members; And whereas the members of the said Association have, by their Petition, prayed to be incorporated, and 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. Ovide Leblanc, Esquire, Léon Hunteau, Esquire, Louis Renaud, Esquire, Joseph Guibord, Esquire, Hubert Pare, Esquire, Oliver Berthelet, Esquire, P. Mathieu, Esquire, John Smith, Esquire, Jean Racicot, Esquire, and such other persons as now are or may, 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 *The Benevolent Society of Notre Dame de Bonsecours*, at Montreal, 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 the yearly rent or revenue of Two Hundred Pounds currency; 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 Corporation for the time being shall have power and authority to make and establish such By-laws, 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 By-laws, 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 maintenance of the members of the Corporation, 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 or hereafter to be acquired by the members of the said Association 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 the said Corporation shall be liable for all the debts owing by the said Association; and the By-laws, orders and regulations now made or to be made for the management of the said Association, shall be and continue to be the By-laws, orders and regulations of the said Corporation until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided.

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, managers, deputies 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 shewing the general state of the affairs of the Corporation, which said returns shall be presented within the first twenty days of each session of the Legislature.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.