

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbishire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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**An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Toronto Athenæum. Assented to 19th May, 1855.**

Whereas by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Toronto Athenæum*, power was given to certain persons therein named to form themselves into an Association for the formation of a Public Library and Museum; And whereas an Association was formed accordingly; And whereas a Royal Charter has been granted to an Association called the Canadian Institute for purposes of a similar character; And whereas the said two bodies are desirous of, and have agreed upon a union thereof upon certain conditions; And whereas a portion of the Members of the Toronto Athenæum are desirous of continuing incorporated under the name of the Toronto Commercial News Hoorn: 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. The Members of the Toronto Athenæum shall have power to transfer and convey to the Canadian Institute, such and so much of the books, minerals, and ether property of the said Toronto Athenæum, whether held absolutely or in trust, as they may decide upon so conveying, and upon such conditions as they may think advisable, which conditions, if accepted by the said Canadian Institute, shall be binding.
- II. Upon such transfer being completed, the members of the Toronto Athenæum shall have power to change the name of the Association to the Toronto Commercial News Room, and to retain the rules of the Toronto Athenæum, or to alter the same, and to make regulations for their government, in the same way as if such name had not been changed, and to change the times of meeting and the number and names of the officers, and to enjoy all the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by the Toronto Athenæum, subject to the conditions of the agreement with the Canadian Institute aforesaid.
- III. This Act shall be held to be a Public Act.