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**An Act to incorporate St. Michael's College in the Diocese of Toronto. Assented to 19th May, 1855.**

Whereas it has been represented to the Legislature of this Province, that the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto has founded a College in the City of Toronto, under the style and title of "St. Michael's College," which is already in full operation with upwards of sixty students, and embracing all classical studies; And whereas it would tend greatly to advance and extend the usefulness of the said College, and to promote the purposes for which it was established, that it should be incorporated: 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. There shall be, and there is hereby constituted and established in the City and Diocese of Toronto, a Body Politic and Corporate, under the name of "St. Michael's College," which Corporation shall consist of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto, the present Superior of the said St. Michael's College, and his Successors in office, and the present Professors and other Members of the said College and their Successors in office; which said Superior, Professors and other Members of the said College shall, in the event of their death, removal from the Province, dismissal from office or resignation, be replaced by other persons to be appointed according to such By-laws as may be framed under the authority of this Act for the conduct and government of the said College, and so on continually for ever: Provided always, that in the case of the resignation or removal of the Superior and all the Professors and other Members of the said College, for the time being, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto shall appoint their Successors.

II. The said Corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break and renew the same when and as often as they shall think proper; And the said Corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all Courts and places whatsoever in this Province, and shall have full power to make and establish such and so many rules, orders and regulations (not being contrary to the laws of the Country or to this Act) as they shall deem useful or necessary, as well concerning the system of education in, as for the conduct and government of the said College, and of any other Institution or School connected with or dependent on the same, and of the Corporation thereof, and for the superintendence, advantage and improvement of all property, moveable or immoveable, belonging to or which shall hereafter belong to the said Corporation; and shall have power to take, under any legal title whatsoever, and to hold for the said College, without any, further authority, license, or letters of mortmain, all

lands and property, moveable or immoveable, which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation, or to sell, alienate, convey, let or lease the same if need be: Provided always, that the net rents, issues and profits arising from the immoveable property of the said Corporation other than the lands on which the buildings of the said College and its dependencies are erected, shall not at any time exceed the annual sum of one thousand pounds current money of this Province; And the said Corporation shall further have full right of appointing an Attorney or Attorneys for the management of their affairs, and generally shall enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other Bodies Politic and Corporate, recognized by the Legislature.

III. All the property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation as well as the revenues thereof, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the advancement of education in the said College, and to no other object, Institution or Establishment whatsoever, unconnected with or independent of the same.

IV. It shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before the Governor, whenever they shall be required so to do, 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 this Act, and of the revenue arising therefrom.

V. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.