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An Act to incorporate the Literary Institute of Sherbrooke. Assented to 19th May, 1855.

Whereas divers inhabitants of the Town of Sherbrooke have represented to the Legislature that they are desirous of establishing in the said Town a Superior School, and that His Lordship the Bishop of St. Hyacinth has tendered to them a large emplacement with a building thereon, situate in the said Town, for that purpose, provided an incorporation is formed to accept, keep and manage the same, and have prayed an Act of incorporation, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition: 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 said School, which shall be composed of the Priest and Cure for the time being of the Mission or Parish of Sherbrooke, the two principal Masters or Teachers of the said School for the time being, and their Successors, and also of John Griffith, Gabriel Caron, Lawrence Gillick and Olivier Cameron, and of such other persons as may be hereafter from time to time elected in the manner provided in the By-laws to be passed by the said Corporation under this Act to succeed the said John Griffith, Gabriel Caron, Lawrence Gillick and Olivier Cameron, shall be and is hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by and under the name of the "Literary Institute of Sherbrooke," and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, renew or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able to purchase, acquire, sell, exchange, hold, possess and enjoy, and to have, take and receive to them and their successors, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, and real or immoveable property and estate situate, lying and being within this Province, for the actual use and occupation of the said Corporation, and also such moveable and personal property and mortgages as they may find necessary for investment, use or otherwise, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase others in their stead for the same purpose, and by the said name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all Courts of law and places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate, or as any persons able or capable in law may or can sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any matter whatsoever; 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 rates, orders and regulations, not being contrary to this Act or to the laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation and for the management thereof, and for the election and admission of members into the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter, repeal and

change the said By-laws, rates, 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, subject nevertheless to the rules, regulations, restrictions and provisions herein prescribed and established; Provided always, that the rents, revenues, issues and profits of all properly, real or 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 to the advancement of education by the instruction of youth, and the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with or depending on the purposes aforesaid.

II. It; shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before each branch of the Provincial Legislature, within fifteen days after the beginning of each Session, 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, and of all personal estate or property, held by virtue of this Act, and of the revenue arising therefrom.

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