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An Act to incorporate the Abbotsford Academy. Assented to 30th May, 1855.

Whereas an Association hath been formed at the Village of Abbotsford, by divers persons residing in that Village and in the neighbourhood thereof, having for its design to afford a complete course of instruction in the various branches of Science and gcnen.il Literature; And whereas the persons hereinafter named being the Trustees of the said Association, and acting on behalf of the members thereof, have by their Petition to the Legislature represented, that they have obtained a grant of a lot of land in the said Village of Abbotsford, and have by subscriptions, aided by grants from the Government, erected a building thereon, in which the branches of education and knowledge aforesaid may be taught; and have further by their Petition represented, that it would be beneficial to the interests of the said Association, and would tend to the success and prosperity of their Seminary, if the members of the said Association were incorporated, and have prayed to be incorporated by the name of the Abbotsford Academy; And whereas it is deemed expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners: 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. Robert Gillespie, Ebenezer Fisk and Oman Stimpson, the present Trustees of the said Association, with all such other persons as now are or hereafter may become members of the Corporation according to any By-laws of the said Corporation to be made for that purpose, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Abbotsford Academy, and shall by that name have perpetual succession, and a common seal, with power to alter, renew or change such seal at pleasure, and shall by the same name and at all times hereafter have power to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy such lands and tenements as may be necessary for the actual use and occupation of the said Academy, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of and others in their stead to purchase and acquire and hold for the uses and purposes aforesaid. And the said Corporation may by the said name, sue and be sued in all Courts of Law or other places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate in this Province; and in all actions and suits-at law which may at any time be brought against the said Corporation, service of process at the domicile of the President or Secretary of the said Corporation, shall be held to be a sufficient service for all legal purposes; but the powers of the Corporation shall extend only to the purposes and objects mentioned in the Preamble, to which only its property and means shall be applied.

II. The said Corporation shall have power and authority to make By-laws, Rules and Regulations not contrary to law or to the provisions of this Act, for the government and management of the

said Corporation, and of the officers, members, affairs and property thereof, and for the admission, demission and qualification of members thereof, and for all purposes relating to the well-being and interests of the said Corporation, and the same to amend, alter or repeal from time to time as shall be deemed necessary or expedient.

III. The affairs of the said Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than ten or more than twenty-members, who shall be elected from time to time by the members of the Corporation, in the manner prescribed by the By-laws of the said Corporation, and who shall remain in office during such term as shall be fixed by the said Bylaws; Provided always, that the present Directors shall remain in office until others shall be duly elected in their room and stead.

IV. The said Board of Directors shall have power to meet from time to time for the transaction of the affairs of the said Corporation, and at any such meeting five Directors shall be a quorum competent for the transaction of business, and the said Directors shall from time to time elect one of their number to be President of the said Corporation, and another one to be Secretary-Treasurer.

V. All and every the estate and property, real and personal, of the said' Association, and all property held in trust for it at the time of the passing of this Act, and all debts due to, or rights or claims possessed by the said Association, shall be and the same are hereby transferred to and vested in the said Corporation, which shall be liable in like manner to and for all debts due by or claims upon the said Association.

VI. It shall and may be lawful for the said Directors of the said Corporation, and the School Commissioners for the Municipality of the Village of Abbotsford, at any time to enter into an agreement with each other, having for its object the union of one or more or all of the Common Schools in the Municipality with the said Academy; And during the existence of such agreement the said School Commissioners shall ex officio be Directors of the said Corporation; And it shall and may be lawful for the said School Commissioners at any time to pay to the Directors of The said Corporation such sums of money as the said Commissioners might pay to the Teachers of such Common School or Schools, if the same had not been united with the Academy.

VII. The said Corporation shall make a Return to the Governor in the month of January in each year, giving a detailed statement of the number of the 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.

VIII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.