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An Act to incorporate Saint Francis College. Assented to 18th December, 1854.

Whereas it has been represented to the Legislature of this Province that divers inhabitants thereof are engaged in establishing a College at Richmond, in the District of Saint Francis, for the education of youth on liberal and unsectarian principles; And whereas it would greatly conduce to the usefulness of the said College to have the same 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 is hereby constituted and established at Richmond, in the Township of Shipton, in the District of Saint Francis, a body politic and corporate under the name of "Saint Francis College," which Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine Trustees, and of all the Professors of the said College, who shall not be less than four, and shall have perpetual succession to be kept up in manner hereinafter directed, and shall have a common Seal, with power to break, alter and renew the same, and may in and by their corporate name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all the Courts of law in this Province, and shall have power to acquire, hold and alienate moveable property, and immoveable property for the buildings necessary to carry out the objects of the institution, and the land on which they stand, and all the property of the Corporation shall be exclusively devoted to the advancement, of education in the said College and the Schools connected therewith.

II. The following persons shall be the first Trustees of the said Corporation: Richard Norris Webber, Chester Bissel Cleveland, William Hoste Webb, George King Foster, Job Adams, Thomas Tait, William Brooke, Udolphus Aylmer, and Thomas Steele, and one third of them and their successors in office shall retire at the end of each year after this Act shall go into effect, and shall be replaced by a like number of persons to be annually elected by a majority of the votes of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees remaining in office, Professors of the College and Subscribers to the Stock of the Corporation, of not less than twelve pounds ten shillings each, present at any meeting called for that purpose; and the said Trustees shall be authorized by a majority of their own votes, to increase the number of Trustees to fifteen, and to appoint the first six additional Trustees, and the said six additional Trustees shall retire and be replaced in the same manner as above provided for the first named Trustees.

III. The Trustees shall decide by lot which of their number shall retire at the end of the first and second year, and shall make such regulations touching the time, notices and form of election of the Trustees as may be necessary; and shall have the power to make and establish By-laws (not inconsistent with the laws of this Province, and possessing no exclusive sectarian character) conducive to the advancement of education in the said College or Schools, or to the good government thereof, or of the officers and teachers thereof, or to the proper management of the property of the said Corporation.

IV. The Trustees may increase their number to fifteen if they think it advantageous for the College, and after the passing of a By-law to that effect, the additional number shall be elected at the next annual election, and one third of the additional number shall annually retire and be replaced.

V. The Trustees, or any seven of them, shall appoint, and by reason of default, incapacity or immorality, may remove the President, who shall be *ex officio* Chairman and one of the Trustees; and the President and Trustees (of whom seven shall concur in any appointment or removal) shall appoint and remove for reason of immorality, default or incapacity, the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Professors, and other officers-and teachers or agents of the College: And this Act shall be held to take effect on the day of appointing the first President.

VI. The present Act shall be altered or amended whenever sufficient causes shall, in the estimation of the Legislature, exist for so doing.

VII. The Governor of the Province may, if he shall be so advised, and by the consent of the Trustees, declare any school under the control of or connected with the said College, to be a Normal or. Model School, under any existing or future Acts of this Province; and the said Schools shall then become liable to all such orders, rules and regulations as may be made by law or by the Department of Education, for the direction and regulation of similar institutions.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before the Governor, whenever called upon, 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 moveable and immoveable property or estate held by virtue of the present Act, and of the revenue arising therefrom.

IX. This Act shall be held to be a Public Act.