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An Act to incorporate the Montreal Dispensary. Assented to 18th December, 1854.

Whereas a number of persons residing in Montreal, have been associated together for some time past, under the name of the “Montreal Dispensary,” for the purpose of affording relief, by advice, medical and surgical aid, to the sick poor of that City; And whereas the persons hereinafter named being members of the Association, have by their Petition represented, that in order to carry out more fully the benevolent designs of its founders, and to increase its usefulness, it is desirable that this Institution should be incorporated under proper regulations, and have prayed to be incorporated accordly, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their 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 is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. That C. Dorwin, R. S. Tylee, James Gilmour, Benjamin Lyman, George H. Frothingham, J. W. Hopkins, Henry Mulholland, T. Esdaile, J. S. Hunter, P. D. Brown, A. Laframboise and such other persons as are now, or shall hereafter become Members of the said Association, shall be and are hereby declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of the Montreal Dispensary, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power from time to lime to alter and 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 and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, and to have, take and receive to them and their successors, but for the use and occupation only of the said Corporation, any real or immoveable property and estate, lying and being within this Province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of five hundred pounds currency, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase others in their stead for the same purpose; and by the same name shall and maybe 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 may or can do, in any manner whatsoever, and shall have power and authority to make and establish such Rules, Orders and Regulations, not being contrary to this Statute or to the laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation, or for the management thereof, and for the admission of Members into the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter and amend, repeal or change the said Rules, 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, Stipulations and Provisions hereinafter prescribed and established.

II. An Annual General Meeting of the Members of the said Corporation shall be held on the Second Tuesday of the month of May in each and every year, (or if such day be a holiday, or if the election hereinafter mentioned be not for any cause then held, then on such day as shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter mentioned) for the Annual Election of a Committee of Management, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers of the said Corporation as to the said Corporation shall seem meet, by and through the majority of the Members present at such General Meeting, and for the transaction of all other matters and things relating to the affairs of the said Corporation for the year preceding such Annual Meeting, and for the adjustment and settlement of the accounts and business of the said Corporation for the then preceding year: Provided always, that the said Corporation, on a requisition signed by not less than five of the Members thereof, shall, by a notice to be inserted for not less than seven days in one or more of the newspapers published in the City of Montreal, call a General Meeting of the Members of the said Corporation, specifying the hour, day, place and object of the said meeting; and the Members aforesaid, or the majority thereof, at such General Meeting, shall have power and authority to revise, alter or rescind any Rules, Orders and Regulations for the management of the Corporation after notice of such repeal or alteration shall have been given at a General Meeting next immediately preceding that at which such application shall be made and considered, and to admit new Members, and to fill up all vacancies which may occur among the said Committee of Management, Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers aforesaid, and generally to do and perform all such matters and things as may be conducive to the well-being of the said Corporation.

III. All and every the estate and property, real and personal, belonging to, or hereafter to be acquired by the said Members of the said Association as such, and all debts, claims and rights whatsoever due to them in that quality shall be, and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby established; and the Committee of management, Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers of the said Corporation, shall remain in office until others in their stead, or the same shall be elected at such Annual General Meeting in the manner herein provided.

IV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.