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An Act to incorporate the Evangelical Society established at La Grande Ligne, in the District of Montreal, for the purposes of education and religious instruction. Assented to 3rd April, 1855.

Whereas a Society hath for several years existed at *La Grande Ligne*, in the Parish of St. Valentine, in the District of Montreal, having for its object the diffusion of the benefits of education and the propagation of a knowledge of the Gospel; And whereas very great benefits have resulted from the exertions of the said Society, and it is desirable to encourage them therein; And whereas the Members of the said Society have represented that their operations could be more easily and effectually carried on and their success better insured, if the said Society were incorporated, and have prayed for such incorporation, and it is expedient to grant their prayer: 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. Louis Roussy, James Thomson, D. Normand, Nareisse Cyr, Thomas Lafleur, James N. Williams, Thomas M. Thomson, Benjamin Davids, James Milne, Toussaint Riendeau, with all such other persons as now are or hereafter may become members of the same, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the "*Evangelical Society of La Grande Ligne*," 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 only as may be necessary for the actual use and occupation of the said Corporation, not exceeding in annual value the sum of five hundred pounds currency, and the same to sell, alienate, and dispose of, and others in their stead to purchase and acquire and hold for actual use and occupation as aforesaid only, and not for the purposes of revenue: 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 Members of the said Corporation, or any majority thereof, 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 wellbeing 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 five nor more than nine members, who shall be elected from time to time by the Members of the Corporation, in the manner proscribed by the By-laws of the said Corporation, and who shall remain in office during such term as shall be fixed by the said By-laws.

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 a majority of the whole Board of 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 Society mentioned in the Preamble to this Act, 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 Society, 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 Society.

VI. 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 and names 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.

VII. This Act shall be a Public Act.