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An Act to incorporate the Society called the *Union of St. Joseph of Montreal*. Assented to 1st July, 1856.

Whereas an Association under the name of the *Union of St. Joseph of Montreal*, has existed for several years in the City of Montreal, having for its object the aid of its members in case of sickness, and the ensuring of like assistance and other advantages to the widows and children of deceased members; And whereas the members of the said Association have prayed to be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant their petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Louis Leclair, S. T. Rathé, Jacques Alexis Plinguet, David Leblanc, Antoine Bazinet, J. B. Duplessis, L. Théophile Lescarbeau, Michel Cyr, Louis Chabot, C. A. Rochon, Alexis Favreau, Louis Longpré, together with such other persons as now are members of the said institution, or may hereafter become members thereof, in virtue of this Act, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, under the name of the *Union of St. Joseph of Montreal*, and by that name shall have power from time to time, and at anytime hereafter to purchase, acquire, possess, hold, exchange, accept and receive for themselves and their successors, all lands, tenements and hereditaments, and all real or immoveable estate, being and situated in Lower Canada, necessary for the actual use and occupation of the said Corporation, and the said property to hypothecate, sell, alienate and dispose of, and to acquire other instead thereof for the same purposes; and any majority whatsoever of the said Corporation, for the time being, shall have full power and authority to make and establish such rules, regulations and by-laws, in no respect inconsistent with this Act, nor with the laws then in force in Lower Canada, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the interests and administration of the affairs of the said Corporation, and for the admission of members thereof; and the same to amend and repeal, from time to time, in whole or in part, and also such regulations and by-laws as may be in force at the time of the passing of this Act; such majority may also execute and administer, or cause to be executed and administered all and every the other business and matters appertaining to the said Corporation, and to the government and management thereof, in so far as the same may come under their control, respect being nevertheless had to the regulations, stipulations, provisions and by-laws to be hereafter passed and established.

II. Provided always, that the rents, revenues and profits arising out of every description of moveable property belonging to the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and employed exclusively for the benefit of the members of the said Corporation, and for the erection and repair of the buildings necessary for the purposes of the said Corporation, and for the payment of expenses legitimately incurred in carrying out any of the objects above referred to.

III. All real and personal estate at present the property of the said Association, or which may hereafter be acquired by the members thereof in their capacity, as such, by purchase, donation or otherwise, and all debts, claims and rights which they may be possessed of in such capacity, shall be and they are hereby transferred to the Corporation constituted by this Act, and the said Corporation shall be charged with all the liabilities and obligations of the said Association, and the rules, regulations and by-laws now or hereafter to be established for the management of the said Association, shall be and continue to be the rules, regulations and by-laws of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner prescribed by this Act.

IV. The members of the said Corporation, for the time being, or the majority of them, shall have power to appoint administrators or managers for the administration of the property of the Corporation, and such officers, managers, administrators or servants of the said Corporation, as may be required for the due management of the affairs thereof, and to allow to them respectively a reasonable and suitable remuneration; and all officers so appointed shall have the right to exercise such other powers and authorities for the due management and administration of the affairs of the said Corporation, as may be conferred upon them by the regulations and by-laws of the said Corporation.

V. The said Corporation shall be bound to make annual reports to both Branches of the Legislature, containing a general statement of the affairs of the Corporation, which said reports shall be presented within the first twenty days of every Session of the Legislature.

VI. This Act shall be a Public Act.