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An Act to incorporate the Lachute College. Assented to 1st July, 1856.

Whereas a number of the principal inhabitants of the Village of Lachute and others in the County of Argenteuil, have represented that in order to the well working of a certain educational and agricultural establishment commenced in the Village of Lachute, and for the greater advantage of Education in the said County, it is desirable that certain persons should be incorporated under the name of the “Lachute College”; And whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer, inasmuch as such incorporation would be advantageous to the welfare and progress of Education, as well in the said localities in particular, as for the country in general: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. John Meikle, Thomas Christie, the Rev. Thomas Henry, the Rev. Walter Scott, the Rev. James Bishop, Thomas Lockie, Thomas Pollock, John McAllister, and Thomas Morrison, all of the Village of Lachute, in the County of Argenteuil, and such other persons as shall, under the provisions of this Act, succeed them in the offices, duties and obligations which they shall perform and hold under this Act, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, by the name of the “Lachute College,” and shall, by the same name, from time to time and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to enter into contracts generally, and to purchase, acquire, hold, possess, exchange, sell, accept and receive for them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any lands, tenements, hereditaments situate in this Province, and required for the actual use and occupation only of the said corporation, or any constituted rents in money, also in this Province, and to sell, and alienate the same, and acquire others by any title whatsoever for the same purposes; and they shall have full power and authority to make and establish such By-laws, Rules and Regulations as they shall think proper for the government of the said College, which shall not be altered or repealed otherwise than in such manner and by such number of votes as they shall have determined in making and establishing the same, at the general meetings of the Corporation, which are to be called by the Secretary-Treasurer, (hereafter to be appointed,) by order of the President or three of the Directors, and at which any seven members shall form a Quorum, and be entitled to pass Resolutions and give decisions, adopt plans and measures, and put the same into execution, in order to promote and advance Education, for which purpose they are constituted a Corporation as aforesaid: Provided always, that nothing in the aforesaid By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Decisions, Plans and Measures, shall be contrary to this Act or the laws in force in this Province.

II. Provided always, that all the rents, revenues, issues and profits whatsoever, of the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and exclusively applied to the support of the said College, the welfare of Education, and to the construction, repairing and renting of buildings necessary for the purposes of the Corporation, and in such manner as the members of the Corporation shall judge best to attain the said purposes, which shall not be other than those of Education.

III. Under the said corporate name of the “Lachute College,” the said Corporation may sue and be sued in any Court of Law or Equity in this Province, and for the purposes of such suits or actions, service of process may and shall be made upon the President of the said Corporation, and not otherwise.

IV. The Directors of the said Corporation for the time being, or a majority of them, in such manner as shall be provided by their By-laws, shall have power to appoint such Attornies as Administrators of the properly of the Corporation, and such persons as they shall think proper for the purposes of Education, and to grant them respectively such salary or remuneration as they shall think proper, and entrust such persons with the duty of teaching on such charges and conditions, and in such forms and under such system as they shall deem preferable: and the Directors of the Corporation may enter into an agreement with the School Trustees of their School Municipality, and the said Trustees, under this Act, may also enter into an agreement with the said members of the Corporation, so as to unite their efforts and resources in order to place the Elementary Schools in connection or in relation with the College, and thus favour Elementary Education.

V. Seven of the said members of the Corporation created under this Act, to be elected before the first of October next, shall act as Directors for the space of three years, except that after the first Election of the Board of Directors, two of them, (to be determined by lot) shall go out of office at the end of one year, and two more (to be determined in like manner) shall go out at the end of two years, and the remaining three at the end of three years—to be computed from the day on which the first meeting of the members of the Corporation shall take place, at which meeting they shall be elected, and which may be called at any time after the passing of this Act, by any three of the above named members; and the said Directors so chosen, shall, from their number, elect a President and Secretary-Treasurer; and the said Board of Directors shall always be composed of seven members, and no more, and four of whom shall form a Quorum: and the Directors shall, on retiring from office, be replaced by others, to be elected at the General Annual Meeting of the said Corporation.

VI. If one or more vacancy shall happen among the Directors, by reason of permanent absence from the District, death, or incapacity by sickness, or otherwise, they shall be replaced by the members of the Corporation called together for that purpose by order of the President, at which meeting, he may, or, in his absence, any one of the Directors may be chosen to preside.

VII. No Director shall be re-elected, except by his own consent, during three years next after his going out of office.

VIII. The said Corporation shall, when required by either of the three branches of the Legislature, transmit a Return, shewing the amount of real or other property held by them under the provisions of this Act, and the income derived therefrom, together with a List of the Directors and officers of the said Corporation, a Copy of the By-laws, and a Statement of the course of Study pursued.

IX. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.