



## CHAPTER 51.

An Act to Incorporate the Order of the Oblates of Mary  
Immaculate in the Province of British Columbia.

[20th April, 1891.]

**W**HEREAS the Right Reverend Paul Durieu, O.M.I., Roman Catholic Preamble.

Bishop of New Westminster; Reverend J. M. Fayard, O.M.I.; Reverend J. M. Jayol, O.M.I.; Reverend A. Dontenvill, O.M.I, Roman Catholic Priests, acting on behalf of the Association known as the Order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the Province of British Columbia, have by their petition represented that the said Association, of which they are members, has existed for thirty-one years in the said Province of British Columbia, having for its object the establishing and the carrying on of Missions, the erection and carrying on of Schools, Colleges and Churches, Orphanages, and Hospitals for the spiritual and temporal benefit of the people; and that the said Association now has in operation in the said Province of British Columbia several Schools, Missions, Colleges, Churches, and Orphanages, and proposes to establish and carry on others; and whereas the members of the said Association have, by the said petition presented in their name, prayed that the said Association may be invested with corporate powers; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. The said Right Reverend Paul Durieu, Roman Catholic Bishop of Incorporation.  
New Westminster, J. M. Fayard, J. M. Jayol, A. Dontenvill, and such other persons as now are members of the said Association of Ecclesiastics in the Province of British Columbia, or shall hereafter become members thereof, shall be and they are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the style and title of “The Order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the Province of British Columbia,” hereinafter called “the Corporation.”

Vests all lands of Association in the Corporation.

2. All lands, tenements, and hereditaments and property, and all Schools, Colleges, Churches, Orphanages, and Hospitals now belonging to and used, held, occupied, possessed, or enjoyed by the said Corporation, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, vested in the Corporation for the purposes thereof.

Power to acquire and hold land.

3. The Corporation may from time to time, and at all times hereafter, acquire and hold as purchasers, for the general purposes of the Corporation, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and personal property, in the Province of British Columbia, and the same, or any part thereof, from time to time may sell or exchange, mortgage, lease, let, or otherwise dispose of, and with the proceeds arising therefrom from time to time acquire other lands, tenements, and hereditaments and other property, real or personal, for the use and purposes of the Corporation.

Application of revenues of Corporate property.

4. The revenues, issues, and profits of all property, real or personal, held by the Corporation shall be appropriated and applied solely to the maintenance of the members of the Corporation, and of the institutions carried on by the Corporation, and the construction and repair of buildings and the acquisition of property, real and personal, requisite for the purposes of the Corporation, and for the advancement of education and religion, and for the purposes of charity and benevolence.

Power to make by-laws.

5. It shall be lawful for the Corporation to make by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not contrary to the laws of the Province of British Columbia, for the government and proper administration of the affairs and property of the Corporation, and renew the same from time to time.

Head office.

6. The head office of the Corporation shall be at New Westminster, or such other place in the Province of British Columbia as may, from time to time, be determined by the by-laws of the Corporation.

Power to appoint and remove officers, &c.

7. The Corporation shall have power to appoint such officers, agents, and attorneys of the Corporation as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary, and also to remove such officers, agents, and attorneys at pleasure: Provided that until others shall be elected the present officers of the Association aforesaid shall be those of the Corporation constituted by this Act.

Limits the liability of the members.

8. Nothing herein contained shall have the effect, or be construed to have the effect, of rendering all or any of the several persons hereinbefore mentioned, or all or any of the said members of the Corporation or any person whatsoever, individually liable or accountable for or by reason of any debt or obligation incurred or entered into, for or on account of the Corporation, or for, or on account, or in respect of, any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the Corporation.