



## CHAPTER 64.

An Act to Incorporate the Young Men's Christian  
Association of Vancouver, British Columbia.

[12th April, 1893.]

**W**HEREAS Jonathan Rogers, of the City of Vancouver, in the Preamble. Province of British Columbia, President of the Society or Association known as the "Young Men's Christian Association of Vancouver, B. C.," James Taylor Grant Campbell, William Shannon, George Robertson Gordon, William Disbrow Brydone-Jack, James Scott, John H. Kerr, George W. Phipps, Thomas Brenton Hall, Henry Havelock Spicer, James England, William Joel Lapoint, James Ramsey, Edwin Blagdon Morgan, and Willie Roy Spencer, all of the same place, members of the said Association, acting on behalf of the said Association, have, by their petition, represented that the said Association, of which they are members, has existed for five years in the said City of Vancouver, having for its objects the improvement of the spiritual, moral, mental, social, and physical condition of young men :

And whereas the members of the said Association have, by their petition presented in their name, prayed that the said Association may be invested with corporate powers, and 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 Jonathan Rogers, James Taylor Grant Campbell, William Shannon, George Robertson Gordon, William Disbrow Brydone-Jack, James Scott, John H. Kerr, George W. Phipps, Thomas Brenton Hall, Henry Havelock Spicer, James England, William Joel

Lapoint, James Ramsey, Edwin Blagdon Morgan, and Willie Roy Spencer, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter become members thereof, shall be and they are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name, style, and title of "The Young Men's Christian Association of Vancouver, British Columbia," (hereinafter called "the Corporation").

Power to change  
seal, and to contract,  
&c.

2. The Corporation shall, by the name aforesaid, have perpetual succession, and shall have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break or renew the same when and so often as they shall think proper; and the Corporation may under the same name contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all Courts and places whatsoever in this Province.

Lands, &c., vested  
in Corporation.

3. All lands, tenements, hereditaments and property, and all and every interest in lands, tenements, hereditaments and property now held or owned, or purporting to be held or owned, by the said Association, or by any person described as Trustees of the said Association, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Corporation for the purposes thereof.

Power to hold pro-  
perty.

4. The Corporation may, in the corporate name from time to time and at all times hereafter, acquire and hold as purchasers or otherwise, for the general purposes of the Corporation, any real or personal property, and any interest in any real or personal property, and the same or any part thereof, or any interest in lands, tenements, hereditaments or property hereby vested in the Corporation, from time to time may grant, sell, convey, exchange, mortgage, lease, let, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof: Provided, however, that the said power of the Corporation to sell, exchange, or mortgage lands, or any interest in lands, shall not be exercised without the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Corporation in good standing present at a general meeting of the said members, to be called for that purpose, which consent shall be signified by resolution.

Proviso.

Provisional Direc-  
tors.

5. The persons named in section 1 of this Act are hereby constituted the Provisional Directors of the Corporation, and the Board of Directors so constituted shall have all the power hereinafter conferred upon the Directors of the Corporation, and they shall hold office until the first election of Directors as hereinafter mentioned.

Management and  
election of Directors.

6. The management of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of fifteen members, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the first Thursday in January in each year, or upon such other day as the Corporation may

Annual meeting.

by by-law appoint; and at the first of such annual meetings fifteen Directors shall be elected by ballot in three classes, five in each class, to hold office for one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are elected; at each subsequent annual meeting five new Directors shall be elected by ballot, to hold office for three years, and until their successors are elected. At such meetings each member of the Corporation in good standing shall be entitled to vote: **Qualification of Directors.** Provided, however, that only members in good standing, residing in British Columbia, shall be eligible for election as Directors; and in case any Director shall cease to reside in this Province, or in case it shall be declared, by resolution supported by two-thirds of all the Directors, that a Director is no longer in good standing, his place shall thereupon become vacant. Retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election. In case any vacancy shall happen among the said Directors **Vacancies, how filled.** by death, resignation, disqualification or removal, such vacancy may be filled by the remaining Directors or a majority of them, and any person so chosen as Director shall hold office until the next annual meeting when his successor shall be elected by the members.

**7.** The Directors shall elect from their number a President, two **Officers.** Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the corporate seal of the Corporation, and when such seal is used he shall affix the same, and it shall be authenticated by his signature and that of the President or a Vice-President, and all documents shall be executed sufficiently for all purposes of the Corporation if the seal be affixed and authenticated as aforesaid.

**8.** The Board of Directors shall have power to make and adopt such **By-laws.** by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not contrary to the laws of this Province, for prescribing the fees, dues, conditions, qualifications and requirements of membership, and the duties of members, and for the government and proper administration of the affairs of the Corporation as they deem expedient, and may alter, amend, and repeal the same at pleasure: Provided, however, that such by-laws, rules, orders or regulations, and amendments thereto, shall not be valid until they are adopted at a general meeting of the members of the Corporation.

**9.** Meetings of the members of the Corporation shall be called in **Meetings.** such manner and at such times and place as may be directed by the by-laws, excepting the first general meeting, which may be called at such time and place and in such manner as the Board of Provisional Directors shall by resolution direct.

**10.** Nothing herein contained shall have the effect, or be construed **Members not individually liable.** to have the effect, of rendering all or any of the several persons hereinbefore mentioned, or all or any of the 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 of or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the Corporation.

Persons under age  
may be members,  
&c.

**11.** Persons under the age of twenty-one years may be elected and admitted as members of the said Corporation, and may be appointed to any office therein, other than that of a Director, and shall be liable to the payment of fees or otherwise under the rules and by-laws of the Corporation, as if they were of full age.

Short title.

**12.** This Act may be cited as the "Vancouver Young Men's Christian Association Act, 1893."

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