BY-LAWS

OF THE

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL,

AS

Amended and finally Passed by the Corporation of the Society of the Montreal General Hospital,

ON THE 5TH NOVEMBER, 1860;

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED A COPY

OF THE

ORIGINAL AND OF THE AMENDED CHARTER.

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THE CHARTER,

Granted 30th January, 1823.

DALHOUSIE, Governor.

GEORGE the FOURTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

WHEREAS our loving subjects, John Richardson, William McGillivray, and Samuel Gerrard, Esquires, of our City of Montreal, by their humble Petition presented to our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin, George, Earl of Dalhousie, our Captain-General and Governor-in-chief in and over Our Province of Lower Canada, and read in Council for the said Province, on the ninth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, did, among other things in substance set forth that there had been a subscription set on foot by them for the purpose of erecting a General Hospital in our said City of Montreal; and that sundry public spirited persons, influenced by principles of benevolence, have liberally subscribed towards the same; that, from the manifest utility of such an Hospital, further contributions and donations may be expected, if there be an assurance of permanency to the Institution, and means provided for the management of its concerns; that very considerable progress has been made towards the object in contemplation, by the purchase of a spacious lot of ground in a central situation, in the Saint Lawrence Suburbs of the said City, whereon is erecting a large building, for the body or centre part of the said Hospital, and susceptible of extension hereafter by wings upon a regular plan, which building is now in a state of advancement towards completion, that promises
eventual success if a Charter of Incorporation be obtained; and, therefore, the Petitioners humbly prayed for Our Letters Patent forming a Corporation for the purposes aforesaid: NOW WE taking into our Royal consideration, the beneficial tendency of such an Institution, within our said City, calculated for relieving the distresses of the indigent, and preserving the lives of many useful members of the community, are graciously pleased to grant the said humble request of our said loving subjects: KNOW YE, therefore, that We, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, given, granted, ordained, constituted and appointed, and, by these presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do will, give, grant, ordain, constitute and appoint, that Thomas Naters, John Molson, John Richardson, William McGillivray, Samuel Gerrard, John Forsyth, Frederick William Ermatinger, David Ross, Thomas Phillips, Thomas Torrance, John Try, George Garden, Geo. Auldjo, Thomas Thain, Robert Gillespie, Benaiah Gibb, John Molson the younger, Thomas Molson, William Molson, Isaac Winslow Clarke, William Hutchinson, Daniel Fisher, Henry McKenzie, Charles William Grant, James Millar, Archibald Norman McLeod, Alexander Skakel, John Torrance, Joseph Chapman, Thomas McCord, Angus Shaw, James Leslie, George Moffatt, James Reid, Robert Frost, William M. Porter, Charles Brooke, Reverend John Bethune, David David, John Fleming, Samuel Gale, Richard McGinnis, James Stuart, Alexander Thain, Charles R. Ogden, Thomas Busby, Abner Bagg, Charles F. Baneroft, John Blain, Joseph Becket, William Caldwell, Henry Corse, Jacob DeWitt, Jabez DeWitt, Reverend Henry Esson, Horatio Gates, Frederick Gonnerman, John Jones, William Kayes, Adam L. McNider, James B. Prime, Andrew Shaw, Isaac Shay, John Wragg, James Woolrich, Zabdiel Thayer, William Stemm, James Dunn, John G. Beek, Alexander Henry, Francis Metzler, William Lunns, Charles Willard, Peter McGill, Kenneth Dowie, James Logan, Reverend James Somerville, David Handyside, Joseph Shuter, Henry Loedel, Levy B. Boruck, Hoyes Lloyd, Nahum Mower, Peter McIntosh, Alexander Mabbut, Andrew Malcolm, Robert McGinnis, John McKenzie, Joseph Nickless, Corneilus Oakes, Jason C. Pierce, George Pyke, Donald Robertson, Michael Scott, Stephen Sewell, John Spragg, William Spragg, F. D. Stro-
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fee simple, for term of life or lives, or in any other manner howsoever; and also any goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever; provided always, that the clear yearly value of the said real estate doth not, at any time, exceed the sum of one thousand pounds lawful money of our Province of Lower Canada, above all outgoings, and reprise, and that they and their successors, by the same name, shall have full power and authority to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of the said real estate and hereditaments whatsoever, for life, or lives, or years, or forever; and also all goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever, at their will and pleasure, as they shall judge to be most beneficial and advantageous for the good and charitable ends and purposes above mentioned; and that it shall and may be lawful for them and their successors, forever hereafter, to have a Common Seal to serve for the causes and business of them and their successors; and the same seal to change, alter, break and make new, from time to time, at their will and pleasure; and our Royal will and pleasure is, that, when our said Corporation hereby erected, shall, by the generous donations of the benevolent, or otherwise, have sufficient funds, they shall complete the present building and offices, erecting in the said Saint Lawrence Suburbs for the said Hospital, and shall extend the same by wings, or otherwise, so as to render the said General Hospital in all respects as perfect as may be, for the purposes of the Institution, which We will shall forever hereafter be called "The Montreal General Hospital;" and that it shall and may be lawful for our said Corporation, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to erect, for their use and convenience, any other house, houses or buildings whatsoever; but not for other purposes than those of the said Hospital; and for the better carrying into execution the purposes aforesaid, our royal Will and pleasure is, and We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant to "The Society for the Montreal General Hospital," and their successors forever, that there shall be forever hereafter, belonging to our said Corporation, as many Governors for life of the said Hospital, as there shall be persons who have contributed, or shall contribute there-to, by donation respectively, twenty-five pounds, or upwards, lawful money of our said Province, with an annual payment each of three pounds, or more, like mo-
ney; and there shall be thirteen other Governors there-of, who shall be annually elected, in manner hereinafter prescribed, from among those persons who have contributed, or shall contribute to the Institution, under twenty-five pounds, money above said, and not less than ten pounds, with an annual payment thereto of two pounds, or more, like money, which persons so contributing, and paying, are hereby declared qualified to be elected Governors; which Governors for life, and those so elected shall appoint, out of their number, one President and one Vice-President; and also, out of their number, or otherwise, one Treasurer and one Secretary, and shall conduct and manage the affairs and business of the said Hospital and Corporation for the ensuing year, in manner as hereafter is declared and appointed; and for the more immediately carrying into execution our Royal will and pleasure herein, we do hereby assign, constitute and appoint the aforesaid Thomas Naters, John Molson, John Richardson, William McGillivray, Samuel Gerrard, John Forsyth, Frederick William Ermatinger, David Ross, Thomas Phillips, Thomas Torrance, John Try, George Garden, George Auldjo, Thomas Thain, Robert Gillespie, Benaiah Gibb, John Molson the younger, Thomas Molson, William Molson, Isaac W. Clark, Alexander Skakel, Daniel Fisher, Henry McKenzie, Charles W. Grant, Archibald N. McLeod, John Torrance, Joseph Chapman, Thomas McCord, James Reid, Angus Shaw, James Leslie and George Moffatt, to be the present Governors of the said Hospital and Corporation, whereof the aforesaid John Richardson to be the President, and the aforesaid John Molson to be the present Vice-President, the aforesaid Samuel Gerrard to be the present Treasurer, and the aforesaid Alexander Skakel to be the present Secretary of our said Corporation, hereby erected; which said President, Vice-President, Governors, Treasurer and Secretary, shall hold, possess, and enjoy their said respective offices, until the first Tuesday in May next, ensuing, when the same shall cease and determine, as to this appointment; but continue, as to those aforesaid, who are created Governors for life; and for keeping up the succession in the said offices, our Royal will and pleasure is, and we do, hereby, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, establish, direct, and require of, and give and grant to the said Society of the Montreal General Governors elected, those who contribute less than £25, and not under £10, and pay annually £5, or more.

A President and Vice-President.
A Treasurer and Secretary.

First Governors of the Corporation

First President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, named, who remain in office until

the 1st Tuesday in May, 1823.

And for keeping up a succession, the Society is to meet for the election of
Officers, on the first Tuesday in May annually, of which notice to be given in the newspapers seven days; Hospital, and their Successors forever, that on the said first Tuesday in May now next ensuing, and yearly, and every year forever thereafter, on the same day, (whereof public notice of the hour, and place of meeting, shall be given in one or more of the Newspapers published in Montreal, at least seven days before,) they and their successors, the Members of the said Hospital and Corporation, contributing and paying as aforesaid, shall meet at the said Hospital, or at some other convenient place, in our said City of Montreal, to be fixed and ascertained by some of the By-laws or Regulations of our said Corporation, and there by the majority of such of them as shall so meet, reckoning their votes in the ratio of the contributions actually paid; but so as that no member of the Society or Corporation shall have more than ten votes, shall by ballot, or in such other manner and form as shall be directed by any of the By-laws or Regulations of our said Corporation, elect and choose thirteen of their members, qualified as aforesaid, to be Governors, or whenever the number of Governors for life, then resident at Montreal, shall be under thirteen, then such an addition shall be made to the number, so to be elected Governors, as to make the whole number thereof (those so resident inclusive) twenty-six, which Members of the Society and Corporation, so qualified and elected, shall be Governors of our said Hospital and Corporation for the ensuing year, and with the President and Vice-President, by them appointed, shall immediately enter upon their respective offices and duties, and hold, exercise, and enjoy the same respectively, from the time of such elections and appointments, for and during the space of one year, and until other fit persons shall be elected and appointed in their respective places according to the Laws and Regulations aforesaid; and in case any of the said persons so elected, and appointed to the respective offices above said, or who shall be hereafter elected and appointed thereto, shall die, or be removed from such offices respectively, before the time of their respective appointed services shall be expired, or refuse or neglect to act in and execute the office for which he or they shall be so elected and appointed, then our Royal will and pleasure is, and We do hereby, direct, ordain and require, that the other Governors of our said Corporation shall appoint a member or members thereof, duly qualified, in the place and stead of him or them so
dying, removed or refusing or neglecting to act, within thirty days next after such contingency, who shall serve until, the first Tuesday in May next following: and we do hereby will and direct, that this method shall for ever after be used for filling up all vacancies in the said offices between the annual elections above directed; and our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, direct, ordain and require that every President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer and Secretary of our said Corporation, to be elected and appointed by virtue of these presents, shall, before they act in their respective offices take an oath, to be to them administered by the President or Vice-President of our said Corporation for the time being or of the preceding year (who are hereby severally authorized to administer the same), for the faithful and due execution of their respective offices during their continuance in the same respectively; and further, our Royal will and pleasure is and We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint, and give and grant to the said Society of the Montreal General Hospital, that the President for the said Corporation for the time being, and in case of a vacancy in the said office, or in case of his sickness or absence, the Vice-President shall, and may from time to time, as occasion may require, summon, and call together, at such places, within our said City of Montreal, as by any By-law shall be appointed for such meetings, and on such day and hours as the President or Vice-President shall respectively think proper, the Governors of the said Corporation and Hospital for the time being, giving them at the least one day’s notice thereof; and We do hereby require them to meet accordingly, and give, grant, ordain that any seven, or more, of the Governors of our said Corporation, being so convened together, of whom the President, or in case of a vacancy in the said office, or the sickness or absence of the President, the Vice-President for the time being shall always be one, shall, for ever hereafter, be a legal meeting of the said Corporation, and they, or the major part of them so met, shall have full power and authority to adjourn from day to day, or for any other time, as the business of our said Corporation may require; and to do, execute, transact, manage, and perform in the name of our said Corporation, all and every act and thing whatsoever, which our
said Corporation are, or shall, by virtue of these our Letters Patent, be authorized to do, transact, manage, and perform, in as full and ample manner, as if all and every the Governors and Members of the said Corporation were present and consenting thereto; saving and excepting always, the electing of Governors, unless upon vacancies, as aforesaid, happening in the intermediate period between general elections; and also saving, and excepting the giving, granting, selling, or otherwise aliening any of the estate, real or personal, of our said Corporation, and the leasing, demising, or disposing of any of the lands, tenements, hereditaments, real or mixed estate, of our said Corporation, for any longer time than one year; our Royal will and pleasure being, that no part thereof be so sold, leased, or in any wise aliened for any longer term or time, but by and with the concurrence and approbation of the majority of the whole number of the Governors of our said Corporation, for the time being, first obtained at any legal meeting of the same; and further, We do, hereby, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, ordain, and appoint, and give, and grant, to the said “Society of the Montreal General Hospital,” that at any such legal meeting of any seven or more of the Governors of our said Corporation, of whom the President or Vice-President, for the time being, shall always be one, it shall and may be lawful for them, in writing under the common Seal of our said Corporation, to make, establish, and ordain, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, such By-Laws, Regulations, and Statutes, for the better government of the Officers, Members, and Servants of the said Corporation, and of the Patients, from time to time, admitted into the said Hospital; for fixing and ascertaining the place of meeting of our said Corporation, on the days and times of election above mentioned; and for regulating the mode and manner of making such elections, the management and disposition of the funds and charities, and all other the business and affairs of our said Corporation, as they, or the major part of them, so legally met, shall judge best for the general good of the said Corporation, and profitable for promoting the charitable and beneficial designs of the said Corporation; and the same or any of them, to alter, amend, or repeal, from time to time, as they, or the major part of them, so met as aforesaid, shall judge most conducive to the benefit of the said charity; provided
such Laws, Regulations, and Statutes, be not repugnant hereto, or to the Laws of this our Province of Lower Canada; and We do further will, and grant, that the said Governors for the time being, or any seven or more of them legally met as aforesaid, of whom the President, or Vice-President for the time, shall always be one, shall have the full and sole power and authority for ever after, by the majority of their voices, from time to time, yearly, and every year, to nominate such and so many Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries, as they shall judge necessary to attend to the said Hospital, and the sick and diseased patients, from time to time, admitted therein; and to appoint and designate the respective powers, authorities, business, trusts, and attendances of the said Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries; and also to appoint a Steward, a Matron, a Nurse, or Nurses, and all other servants and attendants upon the said Hospital, with their respective powers, authorities, business, trusts and attendances, with the allowances that shall be found necessary from time to time, to be made and paid to any of the persons above said for their attendance and services respectively in the said Hospital; and to displace and discharge any Steward, Matron, Nurse, servant, and attendant, from the service thereof, and to nominate and appoint other, or others, in their places or stead; and We do further grant and ordain, that when, and as often, as any President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer, Secretary, Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, of the said Corporation, shall become unfit or incapable to execute their said offices respectively, or shall misdemeanours themselves in their said offices respectively, contrary to their duty, and to any of the By-Laws and Regulations of our said Corporation, or refuse or neglect the execution thereof, and thereupon a charge or complaint in writing shall be exhibited against him, or them, by any member of our said Corporation, at any legal meeting of the Governors thereof, as aforesaid, that it shall, and may be lawful for the President, or Vice-President, and Governors, or the major part of them then met, or at any other Legal meeting of the said Corporation, from time to time, and upon examination and sufficient proof, to suspend or discharge such President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer, Secretary, Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, from their offices respectively, although the yearly, or other time of their respective services shall not

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To nominate Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecaries;
to appoint their duties;
to appoint a Steward, and a Matron, and other servants, and their wages;
to displace the Steward, Matron, or other servant.

The President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer, Secretary, Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, becoming unfit or misdemeanours himself,

may, upon sufficient proof, be discharged from his office,
be expired, anything in these presents before contained to
the contrary in any wise notwithstanding; provided al-
ways, that none of the said Officers so complained against
be suspended or discharged at any meeting, without the
concurrence and approbation of the majority of the
whole number of the Governors of the said Corporation,
nor without having a copy of the complaint or charge
against him at least six days before such examination,
and an opportunity to be fully heard in his defence.
And our will and pleasure further is, that the said Go-
 vernors of the said Corporation and Hospital shall, from
time to time, when thereunto required by the Governor,
Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Go-
 vernment of our Province of Lower Canada, give an
account, in writing, of the several sums of money by
them received and expended, by virtue of these presents
or any authority hereby given, and of the management,
application, and disposition of the revenues, donations
and charities aforesaid, to such person or persons as the
said Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person admin-
istering the Government, shall from time to time, ap-
point to receive and audit the said accounts: And fur-
ther, We do, by these presents, for Us, our Heirs and
Successors, give and grant unto the said "Society of the
Montreal General Hospital," and their successors for
ever, that this our present Charter shall be deemed,
adjudged and construed, in all cases, favorably, and for
the benefit and advantage of our said Corporation, and
for promoting the good of this charitable Institution;
and this our present grant being entered of Record, as is
hereinafter expressed, shall be, for ever hereafter, good
and effectual in the Law, according to our Royal intent
and meaning hereinbefore declared; and without any
other licence, grant or confirmation from Us, our Heirs
or Successors, hereinafter by the said Corporation to be
had or obtained, notwithstanding any misrecitals, not
naming, or misnaming, of any of the aforesaid Offices,
Franchises, Privileges, Immunities, or other the Pre-
mises, or any of them; and although no writ of ad quod
damnum, or other writs, inquisitions, or precepts, has
been, upon this occasion, had, made, issued or prosecuted,
any statute, act, ordinance or provision, or other matter
and thing, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: pro-
vided further, and Our will and pleasure is, that the said
Society and Corporation of the Montreal General Hos-
pital is hereby constituted, made, erected and created
with the express reservation and condition that our Let-
ters Patent relating thereto may be hereafter altered and
amended in such manner and form, and with such addi-
tions, diminutions, extensions and explanations as our
Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person adminis-
tering the Government of our Province of Lower Canada,
by and with the advice and consent of our Executive
Council of our said Province, shall judge best for the
general good of the said Corporation, and for the more
effectually promoting the charitable and beneficial de-
signs of the said Society, according to the true intent
and meaning of the contributors thereto.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these our
Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our Province to be hereunto affixed, and the
same to be entered of record in our Secretary's
Office for our said Province of Lower Canada, in one of the books of Patents there remaining.

Witness our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Cousin, George, Earl of Dalhousie, our Cap-
tain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, at
our Castle of St. Lewis, in our City of Quebec, by and with the advice and consent of our
Executive Council for our said Province of Lower Canada, the thirtieth day of January,
in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and of our Reign
the Fourth.

(Signed,) Ls. Montizambert,
Acting Provincial Sec.
THE

AMENDED CHARTER.

22 VICT. CAP. 116.

"An act to amend the Charter of the Society of the Montreal General Hospital." Assented to 4th May, 1859.

WHEREAS the Society of the Montreal General Hospital by their petition to the Legislature, have set forth, that on the thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, they were duly constituted a body politic and corporate, under and by virtue of certain Letters Patent of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, duly issued on that day at the castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec, under the great seal of the then Province of Lower Canada, and have ever since acted and still act as such thereunder; that certain of the provisions of the said Letters Patent, more especially in reference to the qualification of the members of the said Corporation;—its powers in respect of the holding and alienating of property,—the number, choice, and qualification of the Governors thereof,—the quorum of Governors for the transaction of business and the extent
of their powers of administration, are found in practice to be highly inconvenient; and that they therefore pray for amendment of their said Charter; And whereas it is expedient to grant their said prayer: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The Present Governors of the said Hospital, and all other persons who, during the year to expire on the first Tuesday of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, shall have contributed to its funds five dollars or more, are hereby declared to be members of the said Corporation: and hereafter, all persons who, during the current or last expired financial year thereof, shall have contributed to its funds five dollars or more, shall be such members thereof;—

Provided always, that no person shall be entitled to vote as such member, who shall not have actually paid up such contribution for the then current financial year.

2. The said Corporation may acquire and hold, by any legal title whatsoever, real estate of a yearly value not exceeding four thousand dollars, as by the said Charter allowed, besides what they may require for the actual occupation of their Hospital; and they may acquire any other real estate, or interest therein, by gift, devise or bequest, if made six months or upwards before the death of the party making the same, and may hold the same for a period of not more than five years; but the same, or any part thereof, or interest therein, which may not within the said period have been alienated, shall revert to the party from whom the same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives.

3. The present life Governors of the said Hospital shall continue so to be, subject only to the condition of their continuing to contribute to its funds the yearly sum of twelve dollars or more, as heretofore,—but may be declared by vote of the Board of Governors to have
ceased so to be, if at any time two years in arrear for such contribution; and any other persons who shall have contributed by donation to its funds one hundred dollars or more, may be constituted such life Governors by vote of the said Board, subject to the like condition of contributing such yearly sum of twelve dollars or more,—and may, in like manner, be declared by vote of the said Board to have ceased so to be, if at any time two years in arrear for such further contribution.

4. The present elected Governors of the said Hospital shall also continue so to be until the time of the next annual election of Governors, to be held under the said Charter, after the passing of this Act, and shall severally be eligible for re-election thereat, if otherwise qualified; and at such next annual election there shall be chosen by the members of the Corporation qualified to vote, such number of elected Governors not exceeding six as may be deemed expedient, to serve for the term of one year and until their successors shall be elected, and a like further number to serve for the term of two years and until their successors shall be elected; and at every annual election thereafter, a like number of not more than six elected Governors shall in like manner be chosen for the like term of two years and until their successors shall be elected to supply the place of those retiring, who, however, shall always be eligible for re-election, if otherwise qualified; and all persons, donors of forty dollars or more, if also contributors of eight dollars or more yearly, to the Funds of the said Hospital, and also all contributors of twelve dollars or more yearly, to its funds, shall be held qualified for election as such Governors.

5. In case of the death, resignation or disqualification of any elected Governor, it shall be in the discretion of the Board of Governors to name another qualified member of the said Corporation, to serve in his stead for the unexpired remainder of the term for which he was elected.
President and Vice-President, election of, term of office, &c.

Vacancies in the office.

Governors may appoint and remove officers and servants of the Corporation, &c.

Board of Governors to administer the affairs of the Corporation

Proviso; as to investment of proceeds of property sold.

6. There shall continue to be elected by the Board of Governors, from among themselves, as soon as conveniently may be after each annual election of Governors, a President, and Vice-President of the said Corporation, who shall have such powers and discharge such duties as by By-law in that behalf may be ordained, and shall serve for the term of one year and until their successors shall be elected; and in case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of such President or Vice-President, the said Board, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, shall elect another of themselves to serve as such for the unexpired remainder of his term of office; and the said Board may further, as occasion shall require, appoint all such other officers, and employ all such servants of every grade, of the said Corporation, on such terms, in respect of duty, emolument and otherwise, as by By-law in that behalf may be ordained, and may remove all such officers and all such servants, in their discretion, subject only to such restrictions as by By-law in that behalf may be ordained.

7. The said Board of Governors shall in all other respects have full power to administer the affairs of the said Corporation, subject only to such restrictions as its By-laws may ordain, and in particular, may sell or in any other way dispose of any estate, real or personal of the said Corporation, as they may deem advisable for the interests of the said Corporation; Provided always, that all moneys from time to time to be received by them on account of purchase money of any real estate by them alienated or to be alienated, or on account of the capital of any ground rent, or otherwise than by way of contribution not made for investment, shall be dealt with as capital only, and not as income, and shall be promptly invested either in buildings, or other real estate for the occupation of the said Hospital, or in productive real estate, or upon security thereof, or in public securities of the Province.
8. So much of the said Charter as provides that every President, Vice-President, Governor, Treasurer, and Secretary of the said Corporation shall take an oath of office, is hereby repealed.

9. The Quorum of the Board of Governors for the transaction of all business is hereby reduced to five; and the presence of the President or Vice-President shall not be necessary to constitute such Quorum.

10. The present By-laws of the said Corporation, in so far as they may not be contrary to any provision of the said Charter as hereby amended, or to law, shall remain in force until duly repealed or amended.

11. The said Board of Governors shall have power hereafter to provide by By-law, from time to time, for any changes which may be deemed expedient as to the time prescribed by the said Charter for holding the annual meetings of the said Corporation, or as to the notice thereby required to be given for such meetings, or as to the rule of voting at such meetings thereby prescribed, or as to the mode therein indicated for the summoning of meetings of the said Board of Governors, as also for any lowering of the qualification hereinbefore set forth of elected Governors, which may be deemed expedient, or for the requiring of any larger Quorum of the said Board of Governors than is hereinbefore set forth, whether for transaction of business generally or of any particular descriptions of business, as may be deemed expedient, and generally for all other matters and things whatsoever appertaining to the affairs of the said Corporation; and they may repeal or amend all such By-laws:

Provided always, that no By-law, and no repeal or amendment of any By-law, shall take effect until after approval thereof by vote of the members of the said Corporation, at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Corporation duly called.
12. The said Corporation shall at all times, when thereunto required by the Governor or by either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of its property, real and personal, and of its receipts and expenditure, for such period and with such details and other information, as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require.

13. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.
THE BY-LAWS

OF THE

Montreal General Hospital,

AS AMENDED AND FINALLY PASSED BY

THE CORPORATION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL,

ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1860.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE ELECTION OF GOVERNORS.

1. Notice of the hour and place of meeting, for the election of Governors, shall be given by the Secretary in one or more of the newspapers published in Montreal, at least seven days previous to such meeting.

2. The votes shall be given in the ratio of the contributions; that is, one vote for every five dollars contributed; provided, that no person shall, in any case, have more than ten votes.

3. The annual meeting of the Corporation for the election of Governors and other business shall be held on the third Tuesday of May, in each and every year, in the Governor's Room of the Hospital, at three o'clock P. M., and continued until four o'clock P. M. of the same day; at which two Governors for the preceding year shall be appointed to inspect the ballots: and every person voting at said election shall personally and then and there
appear and deliver to the aforesaid Inspectors a ballot containing the names of six persons, as Governors for the ensuing two years; and the Inspectors shall deposit in a bag all ballots so delivered, and shall insert the names of the persons so voting in a poll-list kept by them for the purpose: and when the poll of such election shall be closed, the Inspectors shall open and count the said ballots, and shall openly declare to the meeting the names of the persons who shall be found to have been elected by the majority of the votes, and shall deliver a certificate thereof to the Secretary, who shall forthwith communicate the same to the persons so elected.

4. The Secretary shall, immediately after the election, give notice in writing to the Governors elected, and to the Governors for life, requiring them to meet on the Thursday next ensuing at 3 o'clock P. M. to choose a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Management, and Medical Officers, for the ensuing year.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE GOVERNORS!

1. A quarterly meeting of the Governors shall be held in the Governor's Room of the Hospital, or such other place as may be appointed by the Governors, on the second Wednesday in August; on the second Wednesday in November; on the second Wednesday in February; and on the last Wednesday in April,—in each and every year, at two o'clock P. M.

2. The Governors for life, together with those elected, shall choose by ballot, out of their number, on the first Thursday after the annual meeting, in each and every year, one President and one Vice-President; and, out of their number or otherwise, one Secretary and one Treasurer; and also, out of their number, they shall nominate and appoint by vote, a Committee of Management, consisting of five, of whom three shall be a quorum; all of whom shall remain in office one year from the date of their appointment.
3. The Governors, at their meeting on the first Thursday after the annual meeting in each and every year, shall elect (by vote and not by ballot) eight Medical Officers, to be the attending Physicians for the year.

4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall and may, or at the request of two Governors, summon and call together (by letter from the Secretary, at any time to be appointed by him) the Governors of the Corporation for the time being; giving them at least one day's notice thereof, and intimating the purposes of the meeting.

5. Five or more Governors, convened according to the By-Laws of the Corporation, shall constitute a legal meeting of said Corporation, and shall be competent to transact all business relative to the said Corporation, in as far as they are authorized by the charter.

6. Two of the Governors shall, in rotation, visit the Hospital at least twice a week; and shall enter their names in a book, with such observations relating to the Institution as they shall think necessary.

7. The Governors may make such House Regulations, affecting the Steward, Matron, Nurses, and Patients of the Hospital, as they may think necessary; and from time to time amend, alter, and repeal the same.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

1. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Governors of the Corporation; and in the absence of both the President and Vice-President, a Chairman pro tempore shall be appointed by the meeting.

2. At all meetings of the Governors, every person shall, in speaking, address himself to the Chairman, who shall propose all questions; and if a difference of opinion shall arise on any question, such question shall be fairly stated by the Chairman, and
shall then be determined by ballot (if two of the Governors require it); and if in any case the votes be equal, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

CHAPTER IV.
OF THE TREASURER.

1. The Treasurer shall give such security as may be required by the Governors for the due accounting for and payment of the monies which he shall from time to time receive for the use of the Hospital; and he shall deposit all monies by him received in one of the Chartered Banks of the city.

2. He shall have the custody of all bonds, title-deeds, documents, and other papers relating to the property of the Corporation.

3. He shall also receive all monies belonging to the Corporation, and pay out the whole or any part thereof, on receipt of a written order from the Committee of Management, but not otherwise.

4. He shall deliver to the Secretary, three days at least previous to the General Annual Meeting in each and every year, a full statement of all his accounts, with the vouchers for the preceding year, to be laid before the said meeting.

CHAPTER V.
OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall attend at all meetings of the Governors, take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and transcribe the same into a book.

2. He shall at each meeting of the Governors read the proceedings of the last meeting.

3. Through him all communications, of whatsoever nature, shall be made to the Governors, and by him from the said Governors to the public, or any department of the Hospital.
4. He shall, immediately after the election of the Governors or other officers of the Hospital, give notice thereof in writing to the different persons so elected.

5. One day previous to each and every meeting of the Governors, it shall be his duty to send notice of the time and place of such meetings to each Governor, stating the purpose of the meeting.

6. He shall, seven days before any election of Governors, hang up a notice in the Committee Room of the Hospital, and shall state therein the names of the persons qualified to be elected, as well as those who are qualified to be the electors.

7. He shall keep the necessary books for entering all the transactions of the Governors and furnish such reports as they may require.

8. On the first Tuesday in March, in each and every year, the Secretary shall send the following monitory letter to each and every Governor whose subscription shall then be in arrear:

Montreal General Hospital,

day of , 186

Sir,—I am to acquaint you that it appears by the Collector’s list that your subscription of has not been paid for the present year.

By order of the Governors.

9. The Secretary shall lay on the table, in the Committee Room, at every meeting of the Governors, the journal or minutes of their proceedings; the case-book of the Medical Board, if there be one; the book containing the minutes of the visiting Governors; and any other document relating to the affairs of the Corporation which they may require.
CHAPTER VI.

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

1. They shall, at their first meeting after their appointment, elect, by vote, a Chairman and a Secretary.

2. The Committee of Management shall meet at the Hospital at least once a week; and shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to inquire strictly into the domestic economy of the house; to order all things necessary for the same; to inquire into the conduct of the Officers, Matrons, Stewards, and Servants of the Hospital, and to report thereon to the President as prescribed by these By-Laws; to order all repairs; to oversee and control (as far as they have authority for the same by the By-Laws) everything connected with the management of the Hospital; to audit, inspect and approve all accounts, and to order payment of the same; and to report, through the Secretary of the Corporation, a statement of all their transactions, to each quarterly meeting of the Governors.

3. They shall have the general charge and care of the property of the Corporation, and shall enforce all necessary attention to economy, cleanliness and good conduct.

4. They shall at their meetings make minutes of their proceedings, which they shall forthwith cause their Secretary to transcribe into a book.

5. They shall have the power and it shall be their duty to engage and discharge all Servants of the Hospital, and fix their wages.

6. The Committee of Management shall, at each quarterly meeting of the Governors, report the state of the Hospital, and the state and number of patients admitted and discharged during the preceding quarter.

7. They shall insert or cause to be inserted in a book, to be provided for the purpose, all orders to the Steward for the purchase of the stores, and which orders must be signed by a member of the Committee.

8. They shall lay on the table in the Committee Room, at every meeting of the Governors, the book containing the minutes of their proceedings.
CHAPTER VII.

OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

1. The Medical Board of the Montreal General Hospital shall consist of the consulting and attending Physicians and Surgeons.
2. The number of the attending Medical Officers shall be eight, who shall make such arrangements among themselves, that the Hospital be visited once every day at least by two of them.
3. No person shall be eligible to the office of attending Physician or Surgeon, who is not a graduate of a University or College in the British dominions, or a Licentiate or Member of a College of Physicians or Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, or other in the British dominions, of at least three years standing, and who is, moreover not licensed to practice in this Province.
4. Any attending Physician or Surgeon may, after having acted in that capacity for twelve years, become a consulting Physician or Surgeon of the Institution.
5. The visiting hour for the attending Medical Officers shall be 12 o'clock (noon) of each and every day, Sundays excepted.
6. Should any one of the Medical officers be unable, from illness or intended absence from town, to fulfil the duties of his office, he shall obtain the assistance of some other of the physicians or Surgeons for the time being.
7. In all surgical cases requiring operations (except in emergencies where delay might be dangerous), and in medical cases, when desired, a consultation of the whole Medical Board of the Hospital shall be summoned.
8. The attending Medical Officers shall have full power, at all times, to visit and examine the Apothecary's Shop.
9. It shall be the duty of the Medical Board to examine all candidates for the situation of House Surgeon and Apothecary.
10. The Medical Board shall communicate to the Committee of Management, in writing, through their Secretary, their opinion of the candidates.
11. The attending Medical officer shall alone have the power to admit and discharge any patient; except in cases of severe
injuries, where the House Surgeon shall admit, at any hour of the day or night, without recommendatory letters.

12. The Medical Board shall regulate the diet of the patients.

13. The attending Medical Officers shall have the power to name and appoint their own Dressers and Clerks from among the students.

14. That for the purpose of Pathological investigation, the attending Medical Officers of the Hospital shall have the power of examining, post mortem, the bodies of patients deceased within it, at their discretion; and such examination shall only be made in the presence or by the order of the same.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF THE HOUSE SURGEON.

1. No person shall be eligible as House Surgeon unless he be a Graduate or Licentiate of some University or College in the British dominions and a Licentiate of this Province: and further, unless he submit to the Committee of Management, satisfactory testimonials of his moral character, and of his having been approved of by the Medical Board, and having attained the age of 21 years.

2. The House surgeon shall visit all the occupied wards in the Hospital at least once every morning and evening, and oftener when required so to do by the attending Medical Officer. He shall also be prepared to report to the attending Medical Officers the state of the patients since the last visit.

3. In any case of an urgent nature, the House Surgeon shall immediately summon the attending Medical Officer; and if he cannot be found, he shall call upon the nearest member of the Medical Board.

4. He shall not absent himself from the Hospital during the visits of the attending Medical Officers; and when at any time he goes out, he must leave word with the Steward where he is to be found during his absence.
5. He must always be in the hospital at a seasonable hour in the evening; and never sleep out of the building, unless with the permission of one of the attending Physicians.

6. He shall have charge of all the surgical instruments belonging to the Hospital, and shall be responsible for the same. He shall also superintend the making up of all the tinctures, pills, preparations, &c. &c., required to be kept on hand; and shall make up all prescriptions ordered for patients in his own particular wards.

7. He shall insert in the case book under his charge, an account of all operations performed in the Hospital, and by whom performed. He shall be responsible for the affixing of the names and other particulars of all the patients at their bed's head; and he shall enter in the register of patients the name, sex, age, religion, country, place of residence, disease, and time of admission, of every patient received into the Hospital; also the name of the person by whom the patient has been recommended, and whether a pauper or a pay-patient, and the rate per week: and the time and the manner which in every patient leaves the Hospital.

8. It shall be his duty to notify the members of the Medical Board whenever a consultation is required.

9. He shall draw up a report of the state and number of patients admitted and discharged previously to the meetings of the Governors, and the Committee of Management.

10. It shall be his duty to certify the regular attendance of each Student of the Hospital, and report to the Committee of Management.

11. He shall notify the Steward of the dismissal of all patients.

12. In all cases when it becomes necessary to notify the Coroner of the sudden death of any individual within the precincts of the Hospital; it shall be the duty of the House Surgeon to give such notice; and on the holding of the inquest, he shall be the Medical Officer referred to for information by that functionary and the Jury summoned by him, and shall be entitled to the fees paid by the Coroner in such cases.
CHAPTER IX.

OF THE APOTHECARY.

1. No person shall be eligible as Apothecary until he shall have laid before the Committee of Management satisfactory proofs of moral character, and of his having been examined and approved of by the Medical Board.

2. He shall compound, and make up, under the superintendence of the House Surgeon, all the Medicines required to be kept on hand. He shall take charge of such wards as are assigned to him by the attending Medical Officer.

3. He shall visit these at least once every morning and evening, and oftener when required so to do by the attending Medical Officer; and in the event of his observing any great or sudden change in any of the patients in his ward, he shall immediately notify the House Surgeon to that effect.

4. He shall regularly attend the shop; keep everything belonging thereto clean and in proper order; and never absent himself from the Hospital, without the knowledge of the House Surgeon.

5. He shall deliver to the nurses of his wards the different Medicines, &c., ordered for the patients of each; the directions for which shall be legibly written or printed, and affixed upon each phial, box, or parcel.

CHAPTER X.

OF THE STUDENTS ATTENDING THE HOSPITAL.

1. No Student who has not previously taken a ticket for attendance in the Hospital shall, on any pretence whatever, be allowed to witness any operation or dissection, or to attend the Clinical Lectures.

2. The fee for a Student's annual ticket shall be......£2 10 0

   Six months,.................................................. 1 10 0
   Perpetual,.................................................... 4 0 0
3. Students following the attending Medical Officers during the visits, are to behave with decency and propriety, keeping their hats off at all times; and they must avoid doing anything that may tend to disturb Physicians, clerks, or patients.

4. Every Student must keep off his hat while he is in the operating theatre, both that he may not obstruct the view of others and as a mark of respect; and all noises and changes of seats must be avoided, as unpleasant to the operator, and hurtful to the patient.

5. Students when visiting the wards are on no account to offer any advice, or express any opinions, unless when requested so to do by the attending Medical Officer.

6. No Student shall enter the wards at any time except the visiting hour, unless by permission of the attending Medical Officer.

7. Any Student infringing any of the above regulations, shall forfeit the benefit of his ticket, and the privilege of attending the Hospital.

CHAPTER XI.

OF THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Every Governor and Member of the Medical Board of the Hospital, and the Clergymen belonging to the congregations of this city, may recommend patients to be admitted into the Hospital, in the manner and form hereinafter prescribed; but it shall be the exclusive prerogative of the attending Physician or Surgeon, as the case may be, to judge if the person so recommended be labouring under such disease as is admissible into the Hospital, according to the By-Laws of the Corporation.

2. In any urgent case, when delay may be dangerous, the House Physician or Surgeon shall have power to admit patients; and he shall immediately give information of the same to the attending Physician or Surgeon, as the case may be, or, if he cannot be found, to any other of the Medical Board of the Hospital.
3. No patient shall be admitted into the Hospital whose case shall be considered incurable, or who is insane, or whose case does not require the particular benefit of an in-door practice.

4. No woman in advanced pregnancy shall be admitted as an in-door patient.

5. No children under six years of age, except in cases where the greater operations are to be performed, shall be admitted into the Hospital.

6. Such patients as are unable to pay for their maintenance shall be received as paupers. Such as are able to pay, shall be admitted into the Hospital as pay patients; and none of these at less than seven shillings per week; for the payment of which, the person recommending such patient shall be responsible.

7. The person recommending any patient or patients shall mention, in the certificate for admission, if the patient or patients be paupers; and if not, the sum they are to pay per week.

8. No patient shall be admitted into the Hospital as a pauper, excepting emigrants from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, who do not reside in the city or parish of Montreal; and the person or persons who shall recommend any patient or patients, who do not reside in the city or parish aforesaid, shall become responsible for the payment of the Hospital dues for such patient or patients, which shall not be less than seven shillings per week; and in case of his or her death, he shall also be bound to defray the expenses of the funeral, which shall not exceed twenty-two shillings and sixpence. But, as special cases may occur when a deviation from this By-Law may be necessary, the Committee of Management are authorized to dispense with it in such cases, and shall report the same to the Governors at their next meeting. Seamen presenting themselves for admission with a recommendation from the commanding officer, shall be admitted, so long as the Statute William IV., especially section 2, chapter 35, shall remain in force.

9. A male and a female ward shall be devoted to lock-ward cases. Patients shall not be admitted into the lock-wards as paupers, but each and every lock-ward patient shall pay seven shillings per week; and if it be not specified on the ticket of
admission that he or she be a lock-ward patient, then the attending Medical Officer shall send back such patients to the person recommending, with the words "Lock-ward" written on the ticket; and if the person recommending shall renew his recommendation, he shall then be responsible for the payment of the Hospital dues for such patients. No Lock-ward patient shall be admitted into the common wards.

10. Two beds (one in the men's and one in the women's wards) shall be kept in reserve to receive such patients as may, from sudden accident, be in need of immediate relief.

11. The applicants for admission shall attend at the place appointed for that purpose, in the Hospital, at any time from eleven o'clock A. M. till one o'clock P. M., and shall present the following certificate to the attending Medical Officer:

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Form of Certificate for the Admission of Paupers.

Montreal, day of , 186
Sir,—I recommend a resident of this City to be admitted into the Montreal General Hospital as a pauper, if be thought a fit object for admission.

To the attending Medical Officer of the Montreal General Hospital.

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Form of Certificate for Admission of Pay-Patients.

Montreal, day of , 186
Sir,—I recommend , who has resided in the parish of for per week, if be thought a fit object for admission, and I undertake personally to pay to the Hospital the sum or sums which shall become due on such admission at the rate aforesaid.

To the attending Medical Officer of the Montreal General Hospital.
CHAPTER XII.
OF VACCINATION.

1. On any of the days appointed by the Medical Board for inoculating the poor, gratis, any person or persons, without the recommendation required for the admission of patients to the Hospital, may present their children for inoculation.

2. The person or persons who shall inoculate any children or other persons, on any of the above stated days, shall register in a book belonging to the Hospital, kept for that purpose, the name, age, sex, and religion of each and every individual so inoculated; the part of the body on which the inoculation has been performed; the date, progress and termination of each and every case.

3. Each and every person bringing a child or children for vaccination, shall deposit two shillings and six pence, as a pledge of returning once at least with the child or children on a day fixed by the inoculator, that the appearance may be noted. Non-compliance with this rule will incur the forfeiture of the deposit; but, upon due compliance with it, it will be returned.

CHAPTER XIII.
OF THE PENALTY OF RECEIVING ANY FEE OR REWARD.

1. No Governor, officer, or other person connected with the Montreal General Hospital, shall at any time presume, under any pretence whatever, on pain of expulsion, to give to, or take from any tradesman, patient, servant, or any other person or persons, any fee, reward of gratuity of whatever kind, directly or indirectly, for any services done or to be done, or proposed to be done, on account of or relative to the said Hospital, except in the case of Physicians to the Institution, who, for the accommodation of their private patients, may bring them into the pay-wards of the Reid's wing, when it does not interfere with the objects of the Institution.
CHAPTER XIV.

When a pauper dies in the Hospital (if the body be interred), the Steward shall give notice thereof to the clergyman to whose congregation or church he or she may belong; and the Porter shall, if necessary, assist the Sexton at the interment. Emigrant paupers of less than twelve months' residence in the country, who die in the Hospital, shall have their funerals defrayed from the money received from the Emigrant funds. With regard to other paupers, the Committee of Management are authorised to request the different religious communities to which they may have belonged, to provide for the funerals of such, unless the bodies are otherwise disposed of by law.

If any vacancy either Medical or otherwise, occur at any time in the Hospital, said vacancy shall be filled up at the ensuing quarterly meeting of the Governors, or at a special meeting of the Governors called for that purpose.

CHAPTER XV.

OF ALTERING AND REPEALING BY-LAWS.

No additional By-Law shall hereafter be made, nor shall any of those already existing be in any way altered or repealed, except a special motion for such alteration, repeal, &c., be made and received at one of the quarterly meetings of the Governors, and passed at the next quarterly meeting, before being submitted to the Corporation.