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### CHAP. 147.

#### An Act to incorporate The National Council of Women of Canada.

[Assented to 27th May, 1914.]

**W**HEREAS Rosaline Torrington and Emily Cummings, Preamble.  
both of the city of Toronto, in the province of Ontario, the president and the corresponding secretary, respectively, of The National Council of Women of Canada, have by their petition represented that the said Council is a voluntary association which has hitherto been devoting itself to the betterment of the conditions of women and children throughout Canada, and that the said Council has thought it advisable that it should become incorporated so that the purposes for which it exists may be more completely and effectually carried out, and that the executive committee of the said Council has authorized them to present the said petition; And whereas by the said petition they pray that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

**1.** Rosaline Torrington and Emily Cummings, both of Incorporation.  
the said city of Toronto, together with such other women as, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, become associated with them in the work of the corporation hereby constituted, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "The National Council of Women of Canada," Name.  
hereinafter called "the Council."

**2.** The object of the Council shall be to unite in a Dominion federation, for the betterment throughout Canada of conditions pertaining to the family and the state, all Object.

societies and associations of women interested in philanthropy, religion, education, literature, art or social reform.

## Powers.

**3.** The Council may, for the said object,—

- (a) establish, in any part of Canada, branches of the Council to be called Local Councils, which shall be formed of federations of local societies, institutions and associations;
- (b) establish a federation with it of any nationally organized society of women formed of associations having branches in various parts of Canada, and having objects similar to that of the Council;
- (c) carry on work through committees for the gathering and spreading of information as to conditions and requirements in various parts of Canada;
- (d) inaugurate new movements when necessary for the well being of the community.

## Membership.

**4.** The Council shall consist of,—

- (a) all persons who at the date of the passing of this Act are members in good standing of the voluntary association mentioned in the preamble of this Act, or of any branch thereof; and,
- (b) all persons who, under the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the Council, become members thereof.

## Constitution and standing orders.

**5.** In so far as they are not contrary to law, nor inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, the constitution and standing orders of the voluntary association at the date of the passing of this Act shall be, respectively, the constitution and standing orders of the Council until altered or amended in the manner prescribed by this Act.

## Alteration.

**2.** The Council may from time to time alter or amend the said constitution and standing orders in any manner not contrary to law, nor inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

## Mode of alteration.

**3.** The constitution and standing orders shall not be altered or amended except at an annual meeting of the Council, nor unless notice of the proposed alteration or amendment has been sent to the executive committee at least three months before such meeting.

## Constitutions of local councils.

**6.** The constitutions adopted by Local Councils must be in harmony with that of the National Council. Changes in the constitution of a local Council may be made at the annual meeting of such Local Council by a two-thirds vote of those present. Notice of the proposed changes must be sent to the executive committee of the Council



two months, and to each society belonging to the Local Council, one month, before such meeting.

7. The affairs of the Council shall be managed by an executive committee which shall be composed of the honorary president, the advisory president, the president, the vice presidents, the presidents of the local councils and nationally organized societies in affiliation, the corresponding secretary, the recording secretary, the treasurer, and the conveners of standing committees. Executive committee.

8. There shall be held annually a general meeting of the Council at such place and time as the executive committee may determine. At every annual meeting a full statement of the affairs of the Council shall be presented by the executive committee, and the election of officers and conveners of standing committees shall take place. Annual general meeting.

9. The Council and every Local Council may, subject to provincial laws, acquire by purchase or lease such real property as is required for the actual use and occupation of the Council or Local Council, respectively, or to carry out the objects of the Council or of the Local Council, and may sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose thereof: Provided, however, that the annual value of the real estate held by the Council shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars, nor shall the annual value of the real estate held by any Local Council exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars. Acquisition of real property.

10. Subject to the limitations contained in section 9, the Council may acquire the assets, interests, rights, credits, effects and property, movable or immovable, of the voluntary association mentioned in the preamble of this Act, subject however to existing mortgages or liens, if any, thereon; and in case of such acquisition shall be liable for and subject to and shall pay, discharge, carry out and perform all debts, liabilities, obligations and contracts of the said voluntary association. Acquisition of assets of voluntary association.

11. The Council, each Local Council, and each nationally organized society federated with the Council, shall be respectively liable only for its own debts and obligations. Liability.