



CHAPTER 159

An Act to amend the act incorporating The Quebec Association of Seventh-Day Adventists

[Assented to, the 2nd of May, 1935]

WHEREAS, at a special meeting of the members of The Preamble.

Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists, a body politic and corporate by virtue of the Statute of Canada, 6-7 George V, chapter 56, for the year 1916, held on the 29th day of November, 1934, at 3 Awde Street, Toronto, Ontario, it was unanimously resolved and decided to apply for an act of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec amending the act 23 George V, 1933, chapter 151, and whereas it is expedient to pass an act for the above purpose;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 5 of the act 23 George V, chapter 151, is 23 Geo. V,
c. 151, s. 5,
replaced. replaced by the following:

“5. The association may promulgate the teachings and Promulga-
tion of
teachings,
etc. beliefs of the Seventh-Day Adventists' denomination by preaching and teaching and may establish and maintain churches and congregations of such denomination throughout the Province of Quebec.”

2. Section 10 of the said act is replaced by the following: 23 Geo. V,
c. 151, s. 10,
replaced.

“10. The said association may keep either in French Keeping of
registers of
acts of civil
status. or English, according to law, registers of acts of civil status and may from time to time, according to its by-laws, usage and custom, appoint officiating ministers of its churches and congregations and may remove them and appoint

others in their place, and any such officiating minister of any such church or congregation shall have authority and power to keep registers of acts of civil status and to exercise in relation thereto all other civil powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations, and, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in the event of any such minister not being a British subject, it shall be lawful for the superintendent of any such church or congregation and for any member thereof as his deputy when duly appointed as such by resolution of the said church or congregation to keep registers of civil status for the said church or congregation, provided that he and his deputy be British subjects, and the prothonotary of the Superior Court or any public officer authorized to certify registers of civil status shall certify registers for use by the said church or congregation when furnished with a certificate, signed by the secretary of the said church or congregation of the election of its superintendent and the appointment of his deputy for the aforesaid purpose.

Keeping of register by superintendent, etc.

When any such register is kept by the superintendent or his deputy, all acts of civil status recorded therein shall be signed by the minister of the said church or congregation and by the superintendent or his deputy, and any marriage or baptism solemnized and any interment made by the said minister in charge of the said church or congregation, and so recorded, shall have the same effect at law as if the register had been kept by a minister legally authorized."

Validation of marriages, etc., previously performed.

3. All marriages and other acts of civil status heretofore performed by any ordained minister of the said Association in this Province of Quebec are hereby declared as valid and legal as if the same had been performed by duly authorized ministers of a religious congregation empowered to keep a register of acts of civil status, provided the further requirements of the law have been complied with.

Coming into force.

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.