



CHAPTER 119

An Act to extend the powers of the International Advent Christian Conference

[Assented to, the 7th of March, 1934]

WHEREAS the International Advent Christian Conference, duly incorporated by the act 54 Victoria, chapter 67, has, by its petition, signed by E. E. Pender, the president thereof, and V. A. Ober, the secretary-treasurer thereof, represented:

That, by the statute of Quebec, 54 Victoria, chapter 67, the Congregation of Advent Christian Churches occupying territory in the Province of Quebec, was, among other things, empowered to keep registers of acts of civil status;

That the religious body known as "Advent Christians" has no theological school in Canada, but is closely affiliated with many co-religionists in the United States of America, from among whom it has, in times past, found it necessary to select its ministers;

That most of the present ministers in charge of the churches of the International Advent Christian Conference are American citizens, and cannot conform to the said requirements of the said act 54 Victoria, chapter 67, so far as taking the oath of allegiance is concerned, and that in consequence they are not entitled to keep registers of acts of civil status; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in the said petition;

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

1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when the minister in charge of any Advent Christian Church, is not ^{Keeping of registers of civil status}

when minister not British subject.

a British subject, it shall be lawful for the senior deacon and for any member of the said church as his deputy, when duly appointed as such by resolution of the committee of management of said church, to keep registers of acts of civil status for the said church, provided he and his deputy be British subjects; and the prothonotary of the Superior Court, or any other public officer authorized to certify registers of acts of civil status, shall certify registers for the use of said church when furnished with a certificate, signed by the secretary of the said church, of the election of its senior deacon and the appointment of his deputy for the aforesaid purpose.

When register kept by senior deacon or his deputy.

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

54 Vict., c. 67, s. 2, replaced.

3. Section 2 of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 67, is replaced by the following:

Power to solemnize marriage, etc.

"2. The regularly ordained and recognized clergymen, members of this conference, and residing in this Province, may, according to the laws of the Province of Quebec, solemnize marriage, baptize, bury the dead, and keep the proper records of the same."

Coming into force.

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