



CHAPTER 145

An Act to recognize The Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada as an ecclesiastical corporation in the Province of Quebec

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1931]

WHEREAS The Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Preamble.
Canada, incorporated by special statute of the Parliament of Canada, 1929, 19-20 George V, chapter 98, as a corporation, public and politic, and with the rights, powers and privileges specified in the said statute, has, by petition, represented that it is desirous of being recognized as an ecclesiastical corporation empowered to acquire and possess property, moveable and immovable, and that it should be authorized to keep registers for acts of civil status; and whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer;

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

1. The Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada is recognized as having and shall have and exercise all the rights belonging to ecclesiastical corporations. Rights of corporation.

2. Insofar as this Legislature has jurisdiction and notwithstanding any act of the former Province of Canada or of this Province, the act, chapter 98 of the Statutes of Canada, 1929, is confirmed and declared valid, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, to the same extent as if repeated in this act and particularly the said corporation may exercise those powers over property granted to it by its said statute of incorporation. Provisions applicable.

Acquisition
of property.

3. The power conferred upon The Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada by its statute of incorporation or by the present statute to acquire by gift, devise or bequest any moveable or immoveable property shall not be limited, provided that the annual value of the immoveables owned by the corporation shall not exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

Keeping of
registers of
civil status.

4. The said corporation may keep either in French or English, according to law, registers of acts of civil status and may from time to time, according to its law, by-laws, usage and custom, appoint an officiating minister and may remove him or appoint another in his place, and the said officiating minister of the 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 such minister not being a British subject, it shall be lawful for the president and for any member of the said church as his deputy when duly appointed as such by resolution of the said church, to keep registers of acts of civil status for the said church, 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 when furnished with a certificate, signed by the secretary of the said church, of the election of its president and the appointment of his deputy for the aforesaid purpose.

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

Provisions
safeguarded.

6. Nothing in this act shall have the effect of withdrawing the corporation from being governed by the provisions of the charter, by-laws and regulations of any municipality where the said corporation may exercise its powers, nor by the provisions of the Quebec Public Health Act.

7. The corporation shall not, however, establish a cemetery or burial ground within the limits of a municipality without having previously obtained the consent of the said municipality, expressed by by-law. Consent for cemetery.

8. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, annually in the month of January, whenever thereunto required, a statement of the property held by the corporation, the names of its officers and a copy of its rules and by-laws. Statement to Lt.-Gov. in Council.

9. Any congregation or mission of the said corporation may apply under the provisions of chapter 201 of the Revised Statutes, 1925, for incorporation for the purposes therein defined. Additional powers.

10. All property, moveable and immoveable, which may be held in trust for the said corporation shall be, and the same is hereby transferred to and vested in the said corporation. Property transferred.

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