



CHAPTER 156

An Act to incorporate Christian and Missionary Alliance in Quebec

[Assented to, the 20th of March, 1930]

WHEREAS Reverend Joseph Douglas Williams and Preamble.

Reverend Edgar Lormier, both of the city of Toronto, Province of Ontario, regularly appointed officers of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 83 Christie Street, Toronto, Ontario, have, by their petition, prayed that they and others who may become associated with them be granted incorporation and that such church may have the right to perform acts of civil status and to keep registers of civil status in this Province, and that the pastors, ministers and missionaries shall have the right to keep such registers of civil status and perform acts of civil status;

Whereas at a special meeting of the board of trustees of the said Christian and Missionary Alliance, duly called and held at Toronto on the 15th day of November, 1928, it was unanimously decided and resolved to apply for an act of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, incorporating the present members in good standing of the said board of trustees of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and all others who may hereafter become members, a body corporate and politic, 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. Reverend Joseph Douglas Williams and Reverend Edgar Lormier, officers, and such other persons as are now active or may become associated with them or with each other as members of the said board of trustees of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, under the provisions ^{Incorporation.}

of the constitution as it now exists, or as it may at any time hereafter be amended by the said Alliance, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name

Name.

Christian and Missionary Alliance in Quebec.

Objects of corporation.

2. The objects of the said corporation shall be to bear witness to the Christian truths, especially those relating to the deeper Christian life, and at home and abroad to preach the Gospel, to establish and maintain mission stations and houses of religious worship, to engage in teaching and in missionary training and to erect and assist in erecting such buildings as may be necessary for the carrying out of these objects.

Constitutions, etc., of corporation.

3. The constitution, regulations and by-laws, not contrary to law, by which the said Alliance is now governed shall be the constitution, regulations and by-laws of the said corporation, but they, or any of them, may be repealed or amended and others substituted therefor in the manner and subject to the conditions and provisions therein contained.

Officers and members of Alliance.

4. The officers and members of the board of trustees of the said Alliance at the time of passing of this act shall be the officers and members of the said Alliance until others are elected or appointed in their places.

Administration.

5. The affairs of the said corporation shall be conducted and administered by the board of trustees elected or appointed as provided by the constitution, who shall exercise all the corporate powers of the corporation.

Powers of the corporation.

6. The corporation shall have the power to contract and be contracted with relative to its funds and property and the business and purposes for which it shall be constituted, including the right to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, and to make and sign all bills of exchange, promissory notes and other instruments of a negotiable nature as a majority of the directors may deem to be necessary for the purposes of the corporation.

Idem.

7. Notwithstanding the mortmain laws in force in the Province of Quebec, the corporation may acquire, hold or possess, by legacy or other title, such property, moveable and immoveable as may be necessary for the use of the congregations or otherwise and dispose of and hypothecate

the same, provided that the annual value of the immovables owned by each congregation shall not exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars.

8. All persons holding any real property in trust for the said Alliance shall forthwith convey the same to the said ^{Transfer of} property. corporation.

9. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, annually in the month of January, ^{Annual statement to Lt.-Gov. in Council.} and 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.

10. The said corporation may keep either in French or English according to law registers of civil status and may ^{Keeping of registers of civil status.} from time to time according to its laws, usage or 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 any such minister not being a British subject, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent, and for any member of the said Alliance as his deputy when duly appointed as such by resolution of the said Alliance, to keep registers of acts of civil status for the said Alliance, provided he and his deputy be British subjects, and the prothonotary of the Superior Court or any public officer authorized to certify registers of acts of civil status shall certify registers for use by the said Alliance when furnished with a certificate, signed by the secretary of the said Alliance, of the election of its Superintendent and the appointment of his deputy for the aforesaid purpose.

11. When any such register is kept by the Superintendent of the said Alliance or his deputy, as aforesaid, all ^{When registers are kept by Superintendent.} acts of civil status recorded therein shall be signed by the officiating minister and by the said Superintendent 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.

12. 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.

Consent for
cemetery.

13. 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.

Coming into
force.

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