



CHAPTER 125

An Act to recognize the *Chiesa Christiana Pentecostale* as an ecclesiastical corporation in the Province of Quebec

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1929]

WHEREAS the *Chiesa Christiana Pentecostale*, incorporated by provincial letters patent, of the Province of Quebec, as a religious and benevolent corporation, has, by petition, represented that it is desirous of being recognized as an ecclesiastical corporation empowered to acquire and possess property, moveable and immoveable; that it should be authorized to keep registers for acts of civil status;

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 *Chiesa Christiana Pentecostale* incorporated by provincial letters patent of the Province of Quebec, bearing date the 14th day of January, 1926, is recognized as having and shall have and exercise all the rights belonging to ecclesiastical corporations.

2. The said corporation may have, hold and possess and may from time to time acquire and receive conveyances of such lands, monies, mortgages and securities, or other property as may be required for the purpose of cemeteries, chapels, parsonages, or residences required for any of its officiating ministers, colleges, schools, or any other educational purposes, and also for the purpose of endowing and supporting such chapels, colleges, schools or other educational establishments; it shall also have the right to sell, alienate, exchange, borrow, mortgage and hypothecate any such immoveable property whether simply by way of

investment for the uses and purposes above set forth or not; provided that the use of any such land for a cemetery shall be governed by the laws respecting cemeteries; and provided also that the annual value of real estate which the corporation may possess shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Consent to establish cemetery.

The corporation shall not, however, establish a cemetery or burial ground in a municipality without having first obtained the consent of the said municipality, expressed by by-law.

Keeping of registers of civil status.

3. The corporation shall keep according to law, either in the French or English language, registers for acts of civil status, and the officiating ministers of the said corporation, in charge of any church, chapel or parsonage, are hereby authorized and empowered to keep registers for acts of civil status, and to exercise in relation thereto all other civil powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations.

Annual statement to Lt.-Gov. in C.

4. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, annually, in the month of January, 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.

Provisions safeguarded.

5. 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.

Coming into force.

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