



CHAPTER 123

An Act to incorporate The Quebec Baptist Church

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1928]

WHEREAS the members of The Quebec Baptist Church Preamble.

have, by their petition, represented that they are a congregation of Christians which has been in existence and operating in the city of Quebec since the year 1845, under the denomination known as Baptists, and that they are desirous of acquiring and/or holding immoveable property in the city or district of Quebec, for the purpose of erecting and/or maintaining thereon a place of worship and its appurtenances; whereas the members of the said church are desirous of being incorporated under the name of "The Quebec Baptist Church" for the purpose of acquiring lands under the said name and for the purpose of entering into other contracts connected with the conduct and administration of the temporal affairs of the church, 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. David Marsh, Fred W. Marsh, Robert Stanley, William H. Semple, Arthur H. Jones, Fred J. Bradley, W. Q. Stobo, George E. Fry, and the Rev. J. C. Macaulay, all of the city of Quebec, and all others who now are or afterwards shall become members of the said church according to the principles, usages and doctrines of the Baptist denomination and the by-laws of the said church, shall be and are hereby incorporated as a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Quebec Baptist Church", and, under such name, the said church may enter into contracts, and may acquire, by onerous or gratuitous title, moveable and immoveable property for the actual use and

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benefit of the said church, its missions, minister's residence and appurtenances, and the benevolent and charitable objects connected therewith, and may hold and possess the same, provided the said property does not exceed in annual value the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; and it may sell, alienate or exchange any such property for the benefit of the church, its missions and appurtenances or the benevolent and charitable objects connected therewith, and may mortgage and hypothecate such immoveable property, provided no purchase, acquisition, sale, alienation or mortgage of immoveable property shall take place unless the same is recommended by a majority of the trustees and authorized by a two-thirds' vote of the resident members of the church, present at a meeting duly convened in the manner provided by the by-laws of the church for such meeting, to hear and determine such recommendation of the trustees; and, under such name, to institute and defend all actions at law in connection with its rights and obligations, and generally to possess all the privileges and powers of ecclesiastical corporations under the laws of this Province.

By-laws, etc. **2.** The church may make such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of its affairs as shall not conflict with the laws in force in this Province, the provisions of this act, or the principles, usages and doctrines of the Baptist denomination, and more particularly, but not so as to affect the generality of this provision, the church may, by by-laws, rules and regulations, provide for:

- a. Membership in the said church;
- b. The appointment and election of church officers, servants, and committees, their term of office and the manner of their replacement and removal;
- c. The appointment of the pastor, his requirements, salary and removal;
- d. Meetings, annual, monthly and special, and the notices to be given for the convening of such, and the times when such meetings shall be called;
- e. Pews and sittings and provisions relative thereto.

Board of trustees.

3. The church shall appoint, from amongst its qualified members, a board of trustees for such term and of such number as it shall fix by by-law, provided the board of trustees shall never be composed of less than five or more than nine members, and when so appointed the board of trustees may make or cause to be made, for the church, any description of contract which the church by law may make, subject to the provisions of this act with respect to

the acquisition, alienation or mortgage of immoveable property.

A majority of the trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the trustees present at any duly convened meeting of the board of trustees, if a quorum, may pass any motion or adopt any measure or enter into any contract within their powers, save with respect to the acquisition, alienation or mortgaging of immoveable property belonging to the church, in which case a majority of the actual board of trustees shall be necessary to adopt any such motion, measure or contract, and the authorization of the church shall be obtained as hereinabove provided.

4. The church shall elect, from its members, a treasurer of the church, who shall receive and pay out all moneys, under the direction of the trustees, and render a true and correct account to the church, at its annual meeting, of all moneys received and expended, and, at all times, when required so to do by the trustees, shall furnish them or the church with a statement of the financial condition of the church.

5. The clerk of the church shall cause to be kept a roll containing the names of all the members of the church, with the date of their reception and last known address or the date when they ceased to be members by dismissal, death, exclusion or otherwise, which roll, when countersigned by the chairman of the board of trustees, shall be evidence of membership.

6. 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.

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