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An Act to recognize The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
as an ecclesiastical corporation in the Province of
Quebec.

[Assented to, the 29th of December, 1922]

WHEREAS The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Preamble.
incorporated by Dominion Letters Patent 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; and that doubts regarding the validity of marriages performed by its clergy since its incorporation should be removed and the validity of such marriages recognized; 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 Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada", incorporated by Letters Patent of the Dominion of Canada, bearing date the 17th day of May, 1919, is recognized as "The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada", recognized as an ecclesiastical corporation. having and shall have and exercise all the rights belonging to ecclesiastical corporations.

2. The said corporation may have, hold and possess General powers of the corporation. 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.

The corporation shall not, however, establish a cemetery Prior consent for the es- or burial ground in a municipality without having first

establishment of a cemetery. obtained the consent of the said municipality, expressed 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, duly ordained and 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.

Validation of certain marriages

4. All marriages performed by any of the ordained ministers of the corporation in the Province of Quebec, from the time of its incorporation to the present day, are hereby declared as valid and legal as if the same had been performed by duly authorized ministers of a religious congregation empowered to keep registers for acts of civil status, provided the further requirements of the law have been complied with.

Statement transmitted to the Lt.-Gov. in C.

5. The corporation shall, whenever required so to do by the Provincial Secretary, transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a statement showing its moveable and immoveable property in the Province, the names of its officers and the situation of its principal place of business and a certified copy of its constitution, rules and by-laws.

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.

Coming into force.

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