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etc.

Governor in Council, when thereunto required by the Provincial Secretary, a detailed statement of its moveable and immoveable property, the names of its officers, and a certified copy of its rules and regulations.

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force.

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

## CHAP. 136

An Act to recognize the Holiness Movement Church in Canada as an ecclesiastical corporation in the Province of Quebec

*[Assented to, 8th of March, 1922]*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the Holiness Movement Church in Canada, incorporated by special statute of the Parliament of Canada, 63-64 Victoria, chapter 101, as a religious corporation consisting of the bishop, clergy and members elected according to the constitution of the Movement, 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 immoveable, for the purposes of the Movement, 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:

Rights.

**1.** The Holiness Movement Church in Canada, hereinafter called the "Movement", is recognized as having, and shall have and exercise, all the rights belonging to ecclesiastical corporations.

Powers.

**2.** The Movement may acquire and hold and dispose of property and invest the proceeds thereof, the whole as provided in its statute of incorporation, the act of the Parliament of Canada 63-64 Victoria, chapter 101, provided the authority granted to the Movement by the said act to do printing and publishing be limited in this Province to printing and publishing such matters of a religious,

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philanthropic, or moral nature as may be connected with the Movement."

**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 or Movement, 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. Registers of civil status.

**4.** All marriages performed by the bishop or any of the ordained ministers of the Movement in the Province of Quebec, from the time of the incorporation of the Movement 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. Marriages validated.

**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. Statement.

**6.** Nothing in this act shall have the effect of withdrawing the Movement 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. Provisions safeguarded.

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

## C H A P. 137

An Act to extend the powers of the "Church of the Messiah"

[Assented to, 21st of March, 1922]

**W**HEREAS the "Church of the Messiah" duly incorporated by the act of the Province of Quebec, 6 Edward VII, chapter 91, has, by its petition, signed by George Falconer, of the city of Westmount, Province of Quebec, Preamble.