

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. Proviso.

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]

WHEREAS 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.

its president, and Percy Booth, of the city of Montreal, said Province, its secretary, represented:

That by an act passed by the late Province of Canada, 8 Victoria, chapter 35, the congregation of the "Church of the Messiah" (Unitarian) then denominated "Christian Unitarians", was among other things empowered to keep registers of acts of civil status, provided that the minister in charge or pastor of the said congregation should take an oath of allegiance, and conform to other regulations;

That the said congregation was constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, under the name of the "Church of the Messiah", by the act of the Province of Quebec, 6 Edward VII, chapter 91;

That the religious body known as "Christian Unitarians" has no theological school in Canada, but is closely affiliated with many co-religionists in the United States of America, from among whom it has, in times past, found it necessary to select its ministers;

That the present minister in charge of the said Church is an American citizen, and cannot conform to the said requirements of the said act 8 Victoria, chapter 35, so far as taking the oath of allegiance is concerned, and that in consequence he is not entitled to keep registers of acts of civil status;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Keeping of registers of civil status when minister not a British subject.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the act of the Province of Canada, 8 Victoria, chapter 35, or of any law to the contrary, when the minister in charge of the "Church of the Messiah", is not a British subject, it shall be lawful for the president, and for any member of the said Church as his deputy when duly appointed as such by resolution of the committee of management of the said Church, to keep registers of acts of civil status for the said Church, 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 Church when furnished with a certificate, signed by the secretary of the said Church, of the election of its president and the appointment of his deputy for the aforesaid purpose.

Acts of civil status in such case.

2. When any such register is kept by the president of the said Church or his deputy, as aforesaid, all acts of civil status recorded therein shall be signed by the minister of the said Church and by the said president or his deputy, and any marriage or baptism solemnized and any inter-

ment made by the said minister in charge of the said Church, and so recorded, shall have the same effect at law as if the register had been kept by a minister legally authorized.

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

C H A P. 138

An Act to grant certain powers to the Diocesan Synod
of Montreal

[Assented to, 8th of March, 1922]

WHEREAS the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, duly Preamble. incorporated by the act 31 Victoria, chapter 38, has, by its petition, represented:

That by the act 29-30 Victoria, chapter 15, of the late Province of Canada, certain powers were granted to the Provincial Synod of Canada;

That by the act 42-43 Victoria, chapter 69, like powers were granted to the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec;

That such like powers would be of great assistance to the Diocese of Montreal in the internal management of its own affairs; and have prayed to be granted such like powers;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Synod of the Diocese of Montreal shall have Power of Synod of Diocese of Montreal. power and authority from time to time, by any by-law or canon, by them adopted, to make such repeal, change or amendment of and in the act 14-15 Victoria, chapter 176, as they shall deem advisable and necessary for the better and more uniform regulation and management, sale and disposal of all or any of the temporalities and other matters mentioned in the said act, and every such canon or by-law shall have effect accordingly, provided always Provisos. that the eighteenth and twenty-second sections of the said act 14-15 Victoria, chapter 176, shall not be in any manner varied, altered or repealed by any such canon or by-law as aforesaid, and provided also that any such canon or by-law which may change, amend or repeal any provisions of the said act herein mentioned shall not have effect until approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.