

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and twenty-second sections of the said act 14-15 Victoria, chapter 176, shall not be in any manner varied, altered or repealed by any such canon or by-law as aforesaid, and provided also that any such canon or by-law which may change, amend or repeal any provisions of the said act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.

14-15 Vict.,
c. 175,
(Canada),
not affected.

2. This act shall not affect the provisions of the act 14-15 Victoria, chapter 175 (Canada) in respect of the said Church of England in Canada in the Diocese of Montreal.

Coming into
force.

3. The present act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

C H A P. 139

An Act for the relief of the Congregational Denomination heretofore also known as the Members of Congregational Societies respecting the keeping of their registers of civil status and to simplify the procedure

[Assented to, 21st of March, 1922]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Congregational Union of Canada, has, by its petition, represented:

That the religious body generally known as the Congregational Denomination, and heretofore also known as the Members of Congregational Societies, represented in Canada by the said Union (which was duly incorporated by the statute of Canada, 9-10 Edward VII, chapter 86), is one of the most ancient, well-known and well-established of Protestant churches; that its ministers in charge of its churches, congregations and missions, have long been duly recognized as entitled to all the usual rights and powers of officers of civil status; that they have long been in undisputed possession of all the said rights and powers, and have performed and kept the usual registers of a vast number of acts of civil status in connection with the numerous well-known congregations of the denomination; that nevertheless the claims to be entitled to the same rights recently put forward by certain persons claiming to be Congregationalists in principle, but not belonging to the said organized denomination, nor received as members of the Congregational Union of Canada, have given rise to certain doubts and vexatious difficulties of procedure regarding the identifications and powers of the ministers and congregations of the said Congregational Denomination; and whereas it is expedient to quiet all such doubts, and to simplify the procedure to accord with that of the other duly recognized denominations;

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