

act, and should such board no longer exist, it may permit the election of three trustees in accordance with articles 2 and 3 of this act.

22. The trustees so elected shall, with the *curé* and church-warden in office of the said parish, under the presidency of the *curé*, constitute a board, the quorum whereof shall be three.

23. If the commissioners grant the said petition, the board of trustees may borrow, upon the security of the assessment, for a term that may extend to fifty years, the sums necessary for the aforesaid works, and this act shall apply to any procedure to be taken for levying the sums borrowed and the interest thereon, and for carrying out the aforesaid works.

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

CHAP. 119

An Act to remove doubts alleged to exist as to certain acts of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal

[Assented to 28th February, 1907]

WHEREAS by virtue of the act of the heretofore Province of Canada 19-20 Victoria, chapter 141, (which, being a reserved act, appears with the statutes 20 Victoria 1854), intituled "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in Synod," the bishop, clergy and laity of the said church in the diocese of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, were duly organized as a synod under the name of "The Synod of the Diocese of Montreal," and framed a constitution and made canons, rules and regulations for the management and good government of the said church and were by said act empowered to make regulations for the appointment, deposition, deprivation or removal of any person bearing office therein of whatever order or degree.

And whereas by the act of the Legislature of this Province 31 Victoria, chapter 38, intituled "An Act to incorporate the members of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal" the said synod was declared to be a body corporate and politic in name and in deed by the name of "The Synod of the Diocese Montreal" and it was amongst other things thereby enacted that "the said incorporated synod shall have power from time

to time to amend, repeal or alter the present constitution, canons, rules and regulations of the aforesaid synod in such manner and to such an extent as they may deem expedient” ;

And whereas it became necessary in the year 1902, upon the request of the Lord Bishop of the diocese, to make provision for the election of a coadjutor bishop of said diocese, and no provision existing therefor, the said synod at a special session duly called and held on the 4th day of March, 1902, enacted a new canon for the election of a coadjutor bishop, and proceeded forthwith under said new canon to such election, and the Very Reverend James Carmichael, D. D., D. C. L., then Dean of Montreal, was duly elected and has since been duly consecrated, and, upon the death of the then Bishop the Most Reverend William Bennett Bond, D. D., Archbishop Metropolitan and Primate, succeeded to the said see under said canon, and has since been enthroned as such Bishop of the diocese in the cathedral thereof;

And whereas questions and doubts have arisen as to the validity of the action of the said synod in adopting and acting on said canon ;

And whereas the synod of the diocese of Montreal has, by its petition, represented the foregoing and prayed that an act may be passed by the Legislature of the Province to remove such doubts and declare its said action to be valid and binding, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of said petition.

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

Election of
Right Reverend James
Carmichael as
Bishop of
Montreal
confirmed.

1. Canon No. 2 of the said synod of the Diocese of Montreal for the election of a coadjutor bishop, adopted at the special session of said synod on the fourth day of March, 1902, in so far as concerns the election already held thereunder of the Right Reverend James Carmichael, D. D., D. C. L., and his right to succeed to the bishopric of the said diocese upon the death of the Most Reverend William Bennett Bond on the ninth day of October, 1906, is hereby declared valid and binding and is confirmed ; and the said Right Reverend James Carmichael is declared to have become and to be Lord Bishop of Montreal, and vested with all the rights appertaining to said office ; and all acts done by him as such Lord Bishop since the death of his predecessor, the said Most Reverend William Bennett Bond, are declared valid to all intents and purposes, and, in so far as may be necessary, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Coming into
force.

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