

9. Payments of the assessment are payable at the office of the secretary-treasurer to be appointed by the trustees, and from whom they shall require a surety bond of at least one thousand dollars. The accounts must be rendered and approved on the thirty-first December of each year.

When assessments are payable.

To cover losses, expenses and especially the cost of insurance, an amount of fifteen per cent. may be added to that of the yearly assessment.

Addition to assessment.

10. It shall be lawful for the trustees of such assessment, as for the trustees of the assessment established by the act 58 Victoria, chapter 91, to keep the religious buildings insured against fire for a sum equal to the total amount of the assessment.

Insurance of buildings.

11. The *fabrique* of the said parish is authorized to assist in the payment of the said works out of the surplus of its receipts over its expenditure.

Fabrique authorized to assist in payments.

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

Coming into force.

CHAP. 112

An Act to incorporate the Olivet Baptist Church of Montreal.

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

WHEREAS the minister, trustees and members of the Olivet Baptist Church of Montreal, have, by their petition, represented that they are and have long been a congregation of Christians under the denomination known as Baptists, and have had and possessed, in the city of Montreal, for many years, lands, tenements and a church edifice; whereas on the 1st day of May, 1902, the trustees of the said church acquired, by deed of sale before H. M. Marler, notary public, certain immoveable property in the city of Montreal from the estate Robert Cowans, for the purpose of building a new, larger and more convenient place of worship; whereas the said minister, trustees and members of the said church are desirous of being incorporated under the name of the "Olivet Baptist Church of Montreal" for the purpose of taking over from the said trustees the said immoveable property and possessing the same in the name of the church, and for the purpose of entering into contracts for the building of a new church wherein to worship, and

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of other buildings for religious and charitable purposes connected therewith, and for the purpose of entering into contracts in connection with the conduct and administration of the temporal affairs of the church, 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 :

Certain persons incorporated.

Name.
Corporate powers.

1. The reverend J. L. Gilmour, John Kennedy, James W. Tester, Chas. S. J. Phillips, A. A. Ayer, John McKergow, George Hodge, Daniel Stroud, all of the city of Montreal, and all others who now are or shall become members of the said church according to the principles, usages and doctrines of the Baptist denomination and the by-laws of the said church, shall be and are hereby incorporated, as a body politic and corporate, under the name of the "Olivet Baptist Church of Montreal", and under such name the church may purchase and acquire, by onerous or gratuitous title, moveable and immoveable property, for the actual use and benefit of the said church, its missions, minister's residence and appurtenances, and the benevolent and charitable objects connected therewith, and may hold and possess the same ; it may sell, alienate or exchange any such property for the benefit of the church, missions or the benevolent or charitable objects connected therewith, and may mortgage and hypothecate the immoveable property belonging to it for the building of church and mission buildings, a minister's residence and their appurtenances, and under such name may enter into contracts ; provided that no purchase, acquisition, sale, alienation, hypothecation or mortgage of immoveable property shall be made or take place unless the same be recommended by a majority of the trustees and be authorized by a three-fourths' vote of the male members of the church present at a meeting duly convened, in the manner provided for such meeting, to hear and determine such recommendation of the trustees ; and under such name may institute and defend all actions at law in connection with its rights and obligations.

Power to make by-laws for certain purposes.

2. The church may make such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of its affairs as shall not conflict with the laws in force in this province, the provisions of this act or the principles, doctrines and usages of the Baptist denomination ; and, more particularly, but not so as to affect the generality of this provision, the church may, by by-laws, rules and regulations, provide for :

(a) Membership in the said church ;

(b) The appointment and election of church officers, servants, and committees, their term of office and the manner of their replacement and removal ;

(c) The appointment of the pastor, his requirements, salary and removal ;

(d) Meetings, annual, monthly and special, and the notices to be given for the convening of such, and the times when such meetings shall be called ;

(e) Pews and sittings and provisions relative thereto.

The by-laws, rules and regulations, in force at the time of the passing of this act, shall remain of force and effect until replaced or amended by the church ; and the officers, administrators, servants and committees, holding office and position at the time of the passing of this act, shall hold office and position until replaced and removed by the church in due course.

3. The church shall appoint, from amongst its qualified members, a board of trustees for such term and of such number as it shall fix by by-law, provided the board of trustees shall never be composed of less than five or more than nine members ; when so appointed the board of trustees may make or cause to be made, for the church, any description of contract which the church by law may make, subject to the provisions of this act, with respect to the acquisition, alienation, or mortgaging of immoveable property.

A majority of the trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the trustees, present at any duly convened meeting of the board of trustees, if a quorum, may pass any motion, or adopt any measure, or enter into any contract within their powers, save with respect to the acquisition, alienation or mortgaging of immoveable property belonging to the church, in which case a majority of the actual board of trustees shall be necessary to adopt any such motion, measure or contract, and the authorization of the church shall be obtained as hereinabove provided.

Until otherwise regulated by by-law, the treasurer is *ex officio* a member of the board of trustees and is chairman thereof.

4. The church shall elect, from its members, a treasurer of the church, who shall receive and pay out all moneys, under the direction of the trustees, and render a true and correct account to the church, at its annual meeting, of all moneys received and expended, and, at all times, when required so to do by the trustees, shall furnish them or the church with a statement of the financial condition of the church.

Roll of membership by whom to be kept and what to contain.

5. The clerk of the church shall cause to be kept a roll containing the names of all the members of the church, with the date of their reception and last known address, or the date when they ceased to be members by dismission, death, exclusion or otherwise; which roll, when countersigned by the chairman of the board of trustees, shall be evidence of membership.

Church to succeed to Olivet Baptist Church.

6. The said church shall assume all the liabilities of the trustees of the Olivet Baptist Church, and shall succeed to their rights, claims and property in connection with the said church.

Return to Legislature.

7. The church shall, at all times, when thereunto required by the Legislature, make a full return of its property and of its receipts and expenses, with such particulars as the Legislature may require.

Coming into force.

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

CHAP. 113

An Act to incorporate the Westmount Baptist Church

[Assented to 25th April, 1903.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the members of the Westmount Baptist Church have, by their petition, represented that they are a congregation of Christians under the denomination known as Baptists, and that they are desirous of acquiring inamoveable property in the town of Westmount, for the purpose of erecting thereon a place of worship and its appurtenances; whereas the members of the said church are desirous of being incorporated under the name of "The Westmount Baptist Church" for the purpose of acquiring lands under the said name and for the purpose of entering into other contracts connected with the conduct and administration of the temporal affairs of the church, 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:

Persons incorporated.

1. William E. Muir, Alfred G. S. Walford, Miles Birkett, Arthur Jones, and Thomas H. Wingham, all of the town of Westmount, and Archibald F. Waters of the city of Montreal and Thomas W. DeWitt of Ville St. Louis, and all