

CAP. LVIII.

An Act to incorporate the religious congregation called
"The Advent Christian Church."

[Assented to 12th July, 1888.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter mentioned have, by their petition, represented that there exists in the City of Montreal a religious congregation, composed of Christians, and of which the petitioners, who are British subjects, are members ;

Whereas they have prayed to be incorporated under the name of "The Advent Christian Church," for religious purposes and for the government of such congregation, and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Persons incor-
porated.

1. William Whitehead Robertson, elder, James Price, merchant, David McBean, doctor of medicine, William E. Potter, manufacturer, Ebenezer Bain, agent, and such other persons as may hereafter become members of such congregation, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "The Advent Christian Church."

Name.

General pow-
ers of corpora-
tion.
Power to ac-
quire real and
personal prop-
erty.

Amount
limited.

2. The corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may, as occasion may require, and for the purposes which it has in view, acquire, accept and receive and hold, under any title whatsoever, moveable or immoveable property for its exclusive use and benefit, and hypothecate, sell, assign, lease or exchange the same and acquire others in lieu thereof ; provided the aggregate value of such immoveable property shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and the moveable property shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, and that the revenue of such moveable and immoveable property shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes of such congregation and to the payment of expenses in connection with divine worship.

Management
of secular
affairs of con-
gregation.

3. The secular affairs of the congregation shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of an elder, assistant-elder, four deacons, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall elect from amongst their number, a chairman and a vice-chairman, at their first meeting, who shall remain in office for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

Provisional
board of
trustees.

The persons above mentioned shall form a provisional board of trustees, and shall remain in office until they are

replaced by the regular board, elected at the first general meeting of the members of the congregation, which meeting shall be held within the three months following the coming into force of this act and shall be convened by the provisional trustees.

Election of successors.

Five of the above mentioned trustees shall form a quorum.

4. At such annual meetings, the said congregation may make all rules and by-laws not inconsistent with this act or the laws of the Province of Quebec, and repeal the same and make others in lieu thereof, subject to the same restriction, for the government and administration of the congregation and to provide for the admission and removal of its members.

Powers to make by-laws, &c., for certain purposes.

5. The trustees shall not, however, alienate, hypothecate or otherwise pledge the immoveables of the corporation or congregation, without the consent of the majority of the members present at a meeting convened by notice, given at least one month beforehand, by the chairman of the trustees or, in his default, by the vice-chairman.

Alienation, &c., of real estate requires consent of certain proportion of members.

6. The Elder of the said congregation hereby incorporated shall have authority validly to solemnize marriage in the Province of Quebec, and shall be subject to all the provisions of the laws of the said Province.

Certain person may validly solemnize marriages.

He is hereby authorized to keep in due form of law registers of all baptisms, marriages and burials as shall be performed by such elder; provided always that such elder shall only be entitled to claim an authenticated register when he shall have deposited with the Prothonotary of the Superior Court, in the district where he shall be exercising his ministry in the Province of Quebec, a certificate, signed by a majority of the trustees of the said corporation, that he has been duly elected as such Elder or Assistant-Elder, as the case may be, and such certificate shall be filed of record in the office of such Prothonotary, who shall furnish to such Elder a certificate of such record, and for furnishing a certificate of the same, the Prothonotary shall be entitled to the sum of fifty cents and no more.

Keep registers of civil status.

Proviso.

7. Whenever the connection between such Elder and such congregation shall cease, the duplicate of the register shall be the property of the congregation and shall be deposited with the secretary thereof, to be kept by the successor, for the time being, of such Elder for the use of such congregation.

Possession of duplicate register to be given over to congregation if Elder ceases his connection.

8. The registers which shall have been so kept, and the several entries made therein, as well as authentic

Register, &c., declared to be valid.

copies of entries therein made, shall to all intents and purposes be good and available in law.

Persons keep-
ing registers
to comply
with laws of
the Province
and to be
liable to
penalty im-
posed there-
by.

9. Elders keeping registers pursuant to this act shall, in all respects, comply with and be governed by the laws now in force in the Province of Quebec or to be hereafter enacted by lawful authority relative to the keeping of such registers, and shall be liable to all penalties imposed for the non-observance of such laws; and all such penalties shall be recoverable, paid, applied and accounted for as provided for by law.

Coming into
force.

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

C A P. L I X .

An Act to amend the act 18 Victoria, chapter 72, respecting the Evangelical Society of "La Grande Ligne."

[Assented to 12th July, 1888.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS The Evangelical Society of "La Grande Ligne," incorporated by an act of the late Province of Canada (18 Victoria, chapter 72) have, by their petition, prayed that their act of incorporation be amended so as to change their corporate name, increase the number of directors, and extend their power as to the acquiring and holding of real estate and other property, and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Name
changed.
General
powers.

1. The name of the said corporation is hereby changed to "The Grande Ligne Mission"—under which name the said corporation shall be subject to all the liabilities and entitled to all the rights, powers and privileges of the said Evangelical Society, save in so far as the same are changed by the present act; and, notwithstanding anything in their act of incorporation contained, shall have power to acquire, purchase, take, receive, hold, enjoy and possess without license in mortmain (*lettres d'amortissement*) all descriptions of moveable and immoveable property, of whatsoever kind and nature, by any and every description of title, whether by purchase, gift, devise, will, lease or otherwise, and whether such title is made in favor of, or acquired by, the said corporation under its former name, or before or after the passing of this act, and such property to let,

Power to hold,
&c., property.