

said Methodist Church, general conference, and annual conference shall be vested with all the powers, rights and privileges now vested in the said Methodist church of Canada, general conference and Montreal conference, respectively.

Copies of certain documents &c. *prima facie* proof.

7. All copies of the basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline, or any amendments or alterations thereof, published in any book of discipline or minutes of conference, under the direction or authority of the general conference of the said church, or a copy of any by-law, resolution, rule or regulation of the said general conference, under the seal of the corporation and the hand of the secretary, shall be *prima facie* evidence, in all courts, of the contents thereof.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

8. All acts and portions of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, in so far as may be necessary to give full effect to this act.

Short title and coming into force.

9. This act may be known and cited as "The Methodist Church Act, 1884," and shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.

C A P. L I.

An Act to incorporate the "*Missionnaires de la Compagnie de Marie.*"

[Assented to 10th June, 1884]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Reverend Fathers Pierre Fleurance, Armand Bouchet, and other members of the same congregation, have prayed to be incorporated under the name of the "*Missionnaires de la Compagnie de Marie.*" with the object of founding, in the township of Wentworth, in the Ottawa valley and elsewhere, agricultural orphan asylums and other houses in which to receive poor orphans and other children who may be confided to their care, to bring them up as Christians and to teach them agriculture and industry, both in theory and practice; and whereas they desire also to devote themselves to mission work and teaching; whereas the said religious congregation has by its petition prayed for an act of incorporation, and it is expedient to grant its prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Reverend Fathers Pierre Fleurance and Armand Bouchet, and all the other members of the order, priests and lay brothers, as well as all such persons as may unite with and succeed to them, under the rules and constitution of the said company, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of the "*Missionnaires de la Compagnie de Marie*," with all the powers and privileges conferred by law upon incorporated religious societies.

Certain persons
incorporated.

Name.

Powers.

2. Such congregation may have a common seal, and alter and change the same when and so often as it may deem necessary.

Seal.

3. The corporation may also make and pass such ordinances and by-laws (which shall not be contrary to the laws of this province) as it may deem requisite or necessary for its interest and its government, or for the admission or resignation of its members, and change, amend, or even repeal the same when it thinks proper.

Power to make
by laws.

4. The council of the congregation, composed of the superior and of his assistants, may acquire, sell, dispose of, receive legacies, movable and immovable property, hold under legal title and perform every other act of ownership which it may deem advisable for the requirements and purposes of the community, provided its revenues do not exceed twenty five thousand dollars.

Power to sell,
&c., real
estate.

5. The corporation may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any court of justice in the province, in the same manner as all other corporations, under the name of "*Les Missionnaires de Marie*."

Power to sue
and be sued
under certain
name.

6. From and after the coming into force of this act, all the property, movable and immovable, rights and actions which may be owned by the persons above mentioned in the establishment of the township of Wentworth and of the other townships, shall become the property of the corporation hereby constituted.

Certain prop-
erty vested in
corporation.

7. The place at which the head office of the said corporation shall be established shall be determined by the council thereof, composed as hereinabove set forth.

Head office.

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

Coming into
force.