

said corporation, and for the admission of persons into the said convent, and their dismissal therefrom, and to amend the said by-laws and statutes.

3. The said corporation shall be bound to submit a report of its affairs annually, to the Lieutenant-Governor in council, twenty days previous to the meeting of the legislature. Report to the legislature.

4. The present act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Act in force.

C A P . L X V I I I .

An act to authorize the ministers of the church known as the "Scandinavian Church," to keep registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, in the province of Quebec.

[Assented to 31st October, 1879.]

WHEREAS the members of the congregation of Christians in the city of Quebec, in connection with the Church known as the "Scandinavian Church," have by their petition to the legislature, prayed that the ministers of the said Church may be authorized to keep, in due form of law, registers of all baptisms, marriages and burials, which may be performed by them in the province of Quebec, and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioners; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows: Preamble.

1. It shall be lawful for any regularly ordained minister, for the time being, of any congregation of the said "Scandinavian Church," in the province of Quebec, to have and keep registers of marriages, baptisms and burials, subject always to the penalties of law, in this behalf provided, according to the laws in force in the said province; and the said registers, the necessary formalities, as by law already provided in relation to registers of like nature being observed, shall to all intents and purposes, have the same effect in law, as if the same had been kept by any minister or clergyman in the province of Quebec, now authorized to keep registers, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, provided always that the entries in such registers shall be made in either the English or French language. Power to keep registers of marriages, &c. Proviso.

Oath of allegiance by the benefitting, obligatory.

2. Provided that no such minister shall be entitled to the benefits hereby granted, unless he shall have taken the oath of allegiance before the clerk of the peace of the district in which he shall reside, which said oath the said clerk of the said peace is authorized and required to administer, and the same to certify in duplicate, under his signature, whereof one copy shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the peace of the district, the cost of which said filing shall not exceed one dollar, and the other copy shall remain in the possession of the said minister; nor unless such minister shall, at the time of making such oath, produce to the said clerk of the peace, the certificate of his ordination, or a legally attested copy thereof; and provided also, that the registers which shall be so kept and the several entries therein, according to the laws in force in this province, as well as authentic copies of such entries, shall, to all intents and purposes, be good and available in law, as if the said registers had been kept pursuant to any act, statute or law in force in this province, in relation to registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths.

Duplicate of the registers, to be the property of the congregation.

3. The duplicate of the registers to be kept by any such minister, shall be the property of the congregation, and whenever the connection between such minister and the said congregation shall cease, such registers shall be deposited with the deacons or churchwardens thereof, to be kept by the successor of such minister for the use of the said congregation.

Laws upon the keeping of Registers, apply.

4. The said minister shall, in all respects, comply with and be governed by the acts, statutes and laws in force in this province, in the keeping of the said registers, and shall, in case of disobedience to the requirements thereof, be liable to the penalties in like cases thereby imposed, which penalties shall be paid, recoverable, applied and accounted for in the same manner, as the penalties imposed by them, are therein directed to be recovered, paid, applied and accounted for.

Act in force.

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