

ration shall be charged with the liabilities and obligations of the said association.

3. The rents, revenues and profits arising out of every description of moveable and immoveable property, belonging to the said corporation, shall be appropriated and employed to the exclusive use of the same, to the construction and repairs of the buildings required for the purposes of the said corporation, and to the payment of expenses lawfully incurred in carrying out any of the objects relating to the aforesaid purposes. Appropriation of rents and revenues.

4. The said corporation shall lay before the Legislature, annual returns containing a general statement of the affairs of the corporation, which returns shall be presented, within the first twenty days of each session. Report to Legislature.

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

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An Act to authorize the ministers of the church calling themselves "The Reformed Episcopal Church in Canada" in the Province of Quebec, to keep registers of baptisms, marriages and burials.

[Assented to 9th March, 1878.]

WHEREAS the ministers and members of the congregation of Christians, in the city of Montreal, in connection with the church calling themselves "The Reformed Episcopal Church in Canada," 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 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 "The Reformed Episcopal Church in Canada," 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 Ministers authorized to keep registers.

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.

Oath of allegiance required.

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 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 said 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.

Certificate of ordination required.

Legal value of registers and copies.

Duplicate for 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 church wardens thereof, to be kept by the successor of such minister for the use of the said congregation.

Minister shall comply with the laws.

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.

Penalty.

Registers heretofore kept up in the

5. This act shall be held to apply to the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials heretofore kept by the

minister in charge for the time being of the congregation ^{church.} of the said church in the city of Montreal, the said congregation calling itself "The Church of St Bartholomew," as soon as the same shall have been fyled and kept in accordance with the formalities provided by the laws in force in this Province, in relation to registers of like nature.

6. This act shall come into force on the day of its ^{Act in force.} sanction.

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An Act to amend "The act incorporating the Trustees of the American Presbyterian Society of Montreal."

[*Assented to 9th March, 1878*]

WHEREAS "The Trustees of the American Presbyte- ^{Preamble.} rian Society of Montreal," a body corporate and politic, incorporated under a statute of the Province of Canada passed in the session, held in the 27th and 28th years of Her Majesty's reign, have, by their petition prayed for certain amendments to the said act of incorporation, and it is expedient to grant such prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The said corporation shall have power to acquire ^{Right to} by purchase, donation, exchange, legacy or other title, and ^{hold property} to hold, possess and enjoy subject to the registration set forth in the twenty-third section of the said amended act, any moveable or immoveable property necessary for the erection and maintenance of mission churches and mission ^{Purpose.} schools already established, or to be established hereafter, in connexion with the said congregation or religious society, and to supervise, administer and manage the same, with power to make by laws, rules or regulations ^{By-laws.} in respect to such property, management, supervision and administration as may be necessary, to be approved and ratified, in manner and form as in the said amended act is set forth; and the said corporation may from time to ^{Alienation of} time alienate or hypothecate the said property, applying ^{property.} the proceeds towards establishing or supporting other mission churches and mission schools, or for religious purposes in connexion with the said congregation or religious society.

2. The said corporation shall at all times, when thereto ^{Report to} required by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec make ^{Legislature.}