

cessary to the corporation. The officers shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation, and the president, secretary and treasurer shall be *ex officio* members of the said committee.

By-laws.

4. The said corporation shall have power to form by-laws, not inconsistent with the laws of the province, or of the dominion, for fixing the terms of admission of its members, for the government of the same, for the election of, changing and altering the officers above named, and for the general regulation and management of its officers, which by-laws, when formed and adopted at a regular meeting shall, until modified or rescinded, be equally binding as this act, upon the corporation, its officers and members.

## C A P. L X.

An Act respecting "The Methodist Church of Canada."

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the church heretofore known in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and British Columbia as "The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in connection with the English Conference," and the church heretofore known in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, and in the Bermuda Islands, as "The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eastern British America," and the church heretofore known in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec as "The Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada," have united and formed themselves into one church under the name of "The Methodist Church of Canada," the terms of such union having been previously assented to by the said three respective churches, and by the British Wesleyan conference, and the English New Connexion conference; and whereas at a general conference of the said united church, held at the city of Toronto, in the months of September and October last, and composed equally of ministers and laymen, such union was confirmed; and whereas the said general conference have, by their petition, prayed that an act might be passed to vest in the united church all real and other property hitherto held in trust by or for the use of the said three first-mentioned churches respectively, and that the respective acts incorporating the several trust funds, institutions and societies of the said three first-mentioned churches might be amended as required in consequence of the union of the said churches; and for such other purposes

as might be necessary in order fully to carry into effect such union ; and it is proper that the prayer of such petition should be granted ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The real and other property held by, or in trust for "The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the English Conference ;" "The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eastern British America," and "The Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada," at the time of the said union of the said three churches, in so far as the said properties are situated in the province of Quebec, is hereby declared to have become vested in trust for the use of the said Methodist Church of Canada, according to the discipline of said church as fully and effectually as the same was previously vested in, or held in trust for, the said three first-mentioned churches respectively.

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Canada.

2. The act of the province of Canada, 15th Victoria (1851), chapter 142, intituled : "An Act to incorporate the Benevolent Societies of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," is hereby amended, as follows :—Since the union of the said three first-mentioned churches as aforesaid, the provisions of the said act shall be held and construed to apply to the Methodist Church of Canada, and wherever the the words, "The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connection with the English Conference," or "The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," occur, there shall be substituted instead thereof the words, "The Methodist Church of Canada," where such change can be made.

Act 15 V., c.  
142 amended.

3. The fourth section of the said last-mentioned act is amended by striking out at the end of the said section the words, "The said Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," and substituting instead thereof, "The General Conference of the said Methodist Church of Canada, or the Executive Committee thereof."

S. 4 of said act  
amended.

4. All the present by-laws, rules, and regulations of the superannuated ministers' fund society of the former Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, shall remain in force, except as they may have been changed or superseded by the constitution of the above-mentioned union, or of the superannuation society of the said Methodist Church of Canada, adopted at the said general conference and printed in the said book of discipline, or as they may hereafter be changed at any general conference.

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