

Sec. 7 of 12
V., c. 136 to
apply to R. C.
Bishops of St.
Hyacinth,
Three Rivers
and Rimouski.

1. According to the true, meaning and intent of section seven, of the act twelfth Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, each of the roman catholic bishops of the dioceses of St. Hyacinthe, Three-Rivers and St. Germain de Rimouski, from the time of his appointment as bishop, has constituted and still constitutes a civil and legal corporation possessing all the powers and duties, and subject to the same restrictions and limitations as those conferred and imposed upon the said archbishop of Quebec, and the bishops of Montreal and Bytown, and has exercised, and still exercises, the powers of such corporation, under the name of the roman catholic episcopal corporation of the dioceses of St. Hyacinthe, Three-Rivers, or St. Germain de Rimouski, as the case may be, and all the acts which they have done or which they may hereafter do, respectively, as such corporation, are and shall be effectual in law, for all purposes whatsoever.

Said section
to be inter-
preted as if it
read as fol-
lows :

2. The seventh section of the act twelfth Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, has, and has always had, the same sense, meaning and effect in law as if it had been and was in the following terms :

"And be it enacted, that whenever it is deemed expedient to erect canonically any roman catholic diocese in Lower Canada, the archbishop or bishop of such new diocese and his successors shall each of them be and constitute by and through such canonical erection, and by and through his appointment as bishop, a distinct and separate corporation in their several dioceses, in fact and in name, under the name of "The roman catholic archiepiscopal (or episcopal) (*as the case may be*) corporation of (*mentioning the name of the diocese,*)" and shall have the same rights, powers and privileges, and shall be subject to the same restrictions and limitations, as those which are conferred or imposed by this act upon the said archbishop of Quebec and the bishops of Montreal and Bytown respectively."

Pending suits
not affected.

3. This act shall not affect any suit pending, nor any action or proceeding begun, nor any judgment rendered in any court of justice in this province.

C A P . L X X I V .

An Act to explain the act sixteenth Victoria, chapter 263, intituled : "An Act to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of St. Michel."

[Assented to 5th April, 1869.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the act sixteenth Victoria, chapter two hundred and sixty-three which constitutes the

ecclesiastical corporation of St. Michel, contains a provision to the effect that such corporation shall be composed of ecclesiastics attached to the dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers, and whereas, since the passing of the said act, the new diocese of St. Germain de Rimouski, comprising a portion of the former diocese of Quebec, has been erected, and doubts have arisen respecting the meaning and application of the said provision, and whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, declares and enacts as follows :

1. According to the true meaning and intent of the provision set forth in the preamble of this act, the said society could always hitherto be, and may still be, composed of ecclesiastics residing in the territory included in the dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers, as these dioceses existed at the time of the passing of the aforesaid act 16 V. c. 263. Creation of certain new dioceses does not affect the society. sixteenth Victoria aforesaid, and all the members of the roman catholic clergy of the new diocese of St. Germain of Rimouski who are now affiliated members of the said ecclesiastical society of St. Michel, or such as may hereafter become affiliated members thereof, enjoy and shall enjoy the same rights and privileges, as those possessed under the said act by the members of the catholic clergy of the dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers, provided that they conform themselves to the rules and regulations of the society.

2. The members of the catholic clergy of any other diocese, which may hereafter be erected within the limits of the territory now actually included in the dioceses of Quebec, Three-Rivers and St. Germain de Rimouski, who, after such new erection, are, or who thereafter shall become, affiliated members of the said ecclesiastical society of St. Michel, shall also enjoy all the rights and privileges set forth in the preceding section ; provided also that they conform themselves to the rules and regulations of the said society. Clergy of future dioceses within certain limits to have benefit of preceding section.

C A P . L X X V .

An Act to authorize the Rector of the Parish of Montreal, and the incumbent and church-wardens, for the time being, of St. George's church in the city of Montreal, to sell or hypothecate certain real estate, to said church belonging.

[Assented to 5th April, 1869.]

WHEREAS the very reverend John Bethune, rector of the parish of Montreal, and the incumbent and Preamble.

