

hitherto governed the territories above designated, shall continue to apply to each of the said territories respectively until they are amended, repealed or replaced by the respective councils of the said municipalities; and certified copies of such documents relating to such municipalities shall be legal and authentic and be evidence of their contents for all lawful purposes. Copies to be evidence.

9. All the bridges built over Pike River and situate within the present limits of the township of Stanbridge shall be maintained, repaired, and built as required, by the councils of the municipalities within which such bridges are situated, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code. Provisions as to bridges over Pike River.

10. The present act shall in no wise affect the obligations, as regards the said bridges, of the municipalities situate outside of the said township or any portion whatsoever of such municipalities. Certain obligations as to bridges not affected by act.

11. All the works on the roads within the limits of the municipality of the parish of Notre Dame de Stanbridge shall be performed at the expense of the corporation of the said municipality, under the provisions of article 1080 of the Municipal Code; but the said corporation may, by by-law, apportion such works among the rate-payers by shares, and thereby relieve itself from the effect of the said article 1080, which shall thereupon cease to apply. How works in parish of Notre Dame de Stanbridge to be performed.

12. This act shall come into force in the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

C A P. L X I I I.

An Act to incorporate the Second Advent Church of the Province of Quebec.

[Assented to 21st March, 1889.].

WHEREAS a petition has been presented by members of the religious sect or society, composed of ministers and laymen, known and distinguished as "The Second Advent Church," representing a large number of Protestant Christians in the Province of Quebec, calling themselves Second Adventists, desire to possess the privileges accorded to other religious denominations therein, and that the laws relating to them are insufficient, and praying that an act be passed incorporating the members of said church now organized, or that Preamble

may hereafter be organized, and to provide for the keeping of registers of baptisms, marriages and burials by the regularly ordained ministers of any church or congregation of said church, and to enable the trustees of any church, organization or congregation of said church or sect, to acquire and dispose of, to hypothecate and to administer generally any lands or church buildings to such church or congregation belonging, or to delegate the right so to do to the conference of said church, and to vest in said trustees or in said conference any legacy or donation that may accrue to said church or to any congregation thereof; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Certain persons incorporated as a church.

1. The ministers and members of the society, sect and denomination known and designated as Second Advent or Adventists, now having a permanent organization as societies and in charge of regularly ordained ministers thereof, and established in accordance with the rules of said society, are hereby incorporated and shall form a corporation or body corporate and politic in this Province, under the name and style of "The Second Advent Church of the Province of Quebec," with power to make such rules and regulations for the management of their affairs and of their society as may be necessary, not being contrary to nor inconsistent with the laws of this Province.

Name.
General powers.

Certain property vested in congregation of the church.

2. The church buildings, parsonage, cemetery and grounds of each congregation of the said Second Advent church, having a permanent organization in charge of regularly ordained ministers of such denomination, shall be vested in any such congregation, and the administration thereof in a board of trustees chosen in accordance with the rules of said church.

Each congregation to be a corporation.
Name.

Each such congregation shall be a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "The Second Advent Church of the Province of Quebec at _____" (as the location may be), subject to the conference of the Church hereinafter mentioned.

General powers of congregation as corporation.

3. Every such congregation, under its corporate name, shall have perpetual succession, and may acquire real or personal property by purchase, donation or otherwise, provided the annual revenue shall not exceed two thousand dollars per annum, and hold and enjoy the same for church purposes only.

Extent of real estate to be held limited.

Further powers of congregations.

Such congregation may alienate such property, enter into contracts, transact, bind and oblige itself and others to

itself within the limits of its functions, hypothecate, let or lease its property as may be necessary for church purposes only, sue and be sued in any cause and before any court of justice ; and may do, perform and execute all and every lawful act and thing useful and necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and for the administration of their corporate affairs in as full and ample a manner, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as any other body corporate or politic by law may do.

4. Any new congregation may be formed after the passing of this act and become entitled to all its provisions, and be a corporate body, under the name and designation aforesaid, with the same privileges, rights and restrictions as those hereinafter mentioned, provided that it shall be organized in accordance with the general rules of the denomination, and that its minister be installed in charge thereof and a board of trustees elected or selected in conformity with the rules of said Church or denomination.

Formation of new congregations provided for.

5. The composition of the Church, as incorporated by section one of this act, shall be made up of the respective congregations of the whole Province, represented therein by their respective ministers and trustees, or by ministers and delegates chosen by each congregation, in conformity with the rules and ordinances of the denomination now existing or which may hereafter be enacted ; provided, however, that any failure to organize or to sustain the Church for the whole Province, as before stated, shall not have the effect of preventing any corporation established or formed under section two of this act, or to be established under section four of this act, from having and maintaining its corporate existence under said section two and following sections, with all powers given to each such congregation and corporation by this act and under all the restrictions thereof and of the law.

Composition of church incorporated by section one of this act.

Proviso.

The Church for the whole Province, composed of said ministers and trustees or delegates from each congregation shall be known and designated as " The Conference of the Second Advent Church of the Province of Quebec," so far as its church governing powers are concerned, and shall have such authority, power and rights as may be given it for church matters, by the rules and regulations which it may, from time to time, adopt.

Designation of church for the whole Province

6. From and after the passing of this act, the aforesaid corporations, formed under section two of this act, shall be vested with all the property, real and personal, of each of said corporations, each congregation for itself, and of

Property vested in congregations incorporated by section 2 of this act.

all the rights accrued thereto, and shall enter upon and possess the same in full right, subject to the regulations of the said Church through the said Conference.

Discontinuation of congregations under sections 2 and 4 provided for and property vested in Conference.

7. In the event that any congregation, established by section two or formed by section four of this act, as a corporation, should discontinue its services, or cease to perform its functions, or should desire to transfer its church buildings and property to the church corporation established by section one of this act, represented by its said Conference, in order that said church buildings and property may be administered or disposed of by said Conference, such congregation may, through its trustees, transfer said buildings and property to said Conference, under such conditions as it sees fit to impose; and thenceforth said church buildings and property shall be vested in said Conference and be held, administered, and disposed of by said Conference for said church corporation, incorporated under section one, as fully as any congregation of said Church might do under section three of this act.

Management of certain property by Conference and sale thereof.

Moreover, any church buildings or property, heretofore transferred by any such congregation to said Conference, or now held by said Conference, under its rules and regulations, or by any transfer or conveyance to said Conference, shall be fully vested in and administered by said Conference, by whom the same may be lawfully sold and conveyed or leased as the said Conference may deem best; and any deed of transfer and conveyance from said Conference shall vest the ownership of said property in the purchaser.

Keeping registers by ministers of church authorized.

8. Registers for the registration of baptisms, marriages and burials shall be kept by each church or congregation and by the ministers thereof, in conformity with the laws of this Province relating to acts of civil status, and the ordained minister of any congregation of said church or of any Second Advent Church or body, under the laws of that denomination, shall be entitled to keep such registers, provided that such or any minister of said denomination, before receiving such register or registers, shall satisfy the prothonotary of the Superior Court or any public officer authorized to furnish such registers by law, that he has been regularly ordained a minister of said congregation and has been called, installed or inducted as the minister of any such congregation, and by complying with the laws of this Province relating to the keeping of such acts of civil status and the payment of the fees imposed by law.

Proof required before registers are delivered to ministers.

9. The register kept by any minister for the exclusive use of the church or congregation shall be regularly transmitted by him to his successor in office, and, upon the extinction of any congregation from any cause whatever, the said register shall be vested in the prothonotary of the Superior Court, provided, however, that should such congregation be re-formed, such register shall be returned to the minister of such congregation by the said prothonotary.

Registers to be transmitted to successor in office.
Provide if any congregation becomes extinct and revived thereafter.

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

Coming into force.

CAP. LXIV.

An act to incorporate "*L'Union St. Vincent de Montréal.*"

[Assented to 21st March, 1889.]

WHEREAS there exists in the city of Montreal an association known under the name of "*L'Union St. Vincent de Montréal.*" organized for the purpose of giving relief to its members who might be unable to work, owing to illness or accident, and of paying a certain indemnity to the widows and children of deceased members or to their lawful heirs; whereas it is necessary, for the proper working and prosperity of the said association, that it should enjoy the rights, powers and privileges of an incorporated society; whereas the members of the association have, by their petition to the Legislature of this Province, prayed to be incorporated; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer;

Preamble.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. David Granger, Gédéon Surprenant, Anselme Labelle, Benjamin Décary, Hormidas Laporte, Ludger Thérien, Noël Beaupré, Onésime Lachapelle, Adhémar Delorme, Cyrille Garnier, Jean Baptiste Albert Martin, Wilbrod Allard, Hormidas Delorme, Joseph Laurent Crevier, Arthur Vary, Joseph Bickley, Sylva Barrette, Samuel Pariseau, Nazaire Dubé, Joséph Octave Boucher, Joseph Lapierre, Joseph St. Jean, Zotique Paquette, Joseph Lepage, Jean-Baptiste Larante, Louis Poulin, François Turgeon, and all such other persons as are at present members of the association, or who may become so in virtue of the provisions of this act and of the by-laws passed thereunder shall be and are hereby constituted a body

Persons incorporated.