

An Act to regulate the administration of Fabriques in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it has become necessary clearly to define the manner of administering the temporal affairs of Churches in Lower Canada; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. All laws, ordinances, and edicts relating to the administration of the temporal affairs of Catholic Churches in Lower Canada, in so far as they are contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed. Laws contrary to this Act repealed.

II. Fabriques are instituted to take charge of the administration of Church property, the maintenance and preservation of Church edifices, the collection of pew rents, and other direct and casual revenues derived from property which has been set apart for religious purposes, both regulating the necessary expenses and ensuring the means of carrying out the above purposes. Institution of Fabriques.

Organization.

1st. The temporal affairs of the Catholic Church or Churches in any parish or mission shall be administered by the Fabrique. Administration.

2nd. Each Fabrique shall be composed of a Fabrique Council and a Board of Churchwardens. Fabrique, how divided.

3rd. The Council in each parish or mission shall be composed of the past and present Churchwardens. Fabrique Council.

4th. The Board of Churchwardens shall be composed of three members elected by the inhabitants of each parish or mission. Board of Churchwardens.

5th. The Curé, Missionary or person administering the parish or mission shall have a voice in the deliberations both in the Council and in the Board of Churchwardens. Curé to take part.

Powers and Authorities.

1st. No Fabrique shall be entitled to hold any real estate other than a lot of one hundred arpents in superficies, in any parish or mission, nor any other buildings than those used for purposes of religious worship, the residence of the Curé or for charitable or Educational purposes. Real property limited.

2nd. The Fabrique may alienate its real estate and acquire other, subject to the restrictions contained in the preceding article. Sale of real property.