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An Act to incorporate the Benevolent Societies of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature of this Province, that certain Ministers and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in connexion with the British Wesleyan Conference, have established themselves together under a constitution intituled, "*The Doctrines and Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada,*" and certain other rules and regulations, creating and establishing "*The Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada,*" and "*The Book and Printing Establishments,*" and "*The Contingent Fund,*" and "*The Annuitant Fund Society,*" and "*The Superannuated or worn-out Preachers' Fund,*" and "*The Chapel Relief Fund;*" and have contributed, or engaged to contribute, considerable sums of money, and have given or granted, or promised to give or grant, lands or real estate for the following objects, that is to say:—

First. For the support and enlargement of Missions among the Indians, and in the new and destitute settlements of the country and elsewhere.

Secondly. For the publication and circulation of periodicals and books for the diffusion of useful knowledge.

Thirdly. For making up the deficiency of new and feeble Circuits, and to assist the Ministers in time of personal and family afflictions, and to pay various connexional expenses.

Fourthly. For the support of aged and infirm Ministers, and the widows and children of deceased Ministers.

Fifthly. For the building of places of worship, and for the relief of Churches in distressed and embarrassed circumstances.

And whereas it would tend to promote the purposes of the said Association that it should be incorporated and empowered to hold property in mortmain without letters of license, and to manage, administer, alienate or dispose of the same for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and to make and enforce rules and regulations for the government of the said Association, and for better attaining the purposes aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,