

CONSTITUTION.

BILL OF THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

An Act Respecting the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

[Assented to 20th March, 1889.]

Whereas, by an Act passed by the Parliament of Canada, in the forty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, "The Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec," was incorporated for the purposes and with the powers in the said Act set forth: And whereas, by letters patent, dated the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, issued under "The Canada Joint Stock Company's Act, 1877," a joint stock company was incorporated by the name of "The Standard Publishing Company, Limited," for the purpose of publishing a newspaper, or newspapers for and in the interests of the Regular Baptist denomination in Canada, publishing books, papers, tracts and other literature, carrying on book rooms for the sale of religious and other books, papers and literature, and disseminating religious literature by means of colporteurs, and other agencies; and whereas the said letters patent provided that none of the shares of the capital stock of the said Company should, at any time, be subscribed for by or allotted to or transferred to any person not a member in good standing of some Regular Baptist church, and that those shares only of the capital stock subscribed for and held by members in good standing of Regular Baptist churches, upon which there were no calls in arrear, should be entitled each to one vote; and whereas the nominal capital stock of the said Company consists of two thousand shares of fifty dollars each, of which one thousand one hundred and ninety-seven shares have been subscribed and allotted, and eight hundred and three are unallotted; and whereas eight hundred of the said shares have been paid up in full, and the said paid up shares are held by Malcolm McVicar, LL.D., Humphrey E. Buchan, M.D., and Charles J. Holman, and Daniel E. Thomson, Esquires, as trustees for the benefit of the following denominational societies of the Regular Baptists, namely, fifteen-fortieths for the said Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec, nine-fortieths for the Regular Baptist Missionary Society of Ontario, three fortieths for the Regular Baptist Missionary Convention East—which two last-mentioned bodies have united, so far as it was practicable for a corporated and an unincorporated body to voluntarily unite—three-fortieths for the Manitoba and North-West Convention of Regular Baptists, and ten-fortieths for the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Regular Baptist Ministers, and the widows and orphans of Regular Baptist Ministers; and three hundred and ninety-seven shares (being the residue of the said subscribed and allotted shares, and upon which only ten per cent. has been called up or paid,) are held by various persons who are desirous that the denomination of Regular Baptists should have the benefit, in the manner hereinafter provided, of the amount paid thereon; and whereas it is desired that the work of the various denominational societies of the Baptist churches of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should be under the control of representatives of the said churches; and whereas the said societies and the said Standard Pub-

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