

hereafter have the pastoral charge of the Congregation to which they belong, should be duly authorized to solemnize Marriages, administer Baptism, and inter the dead, and to keep Registers authenticated in due form of Law for that purpose, and also that they may be enabled to take and hold the Land required for the site of a Church or Meeting House, Burial Ground, and Dwelling-House, for the use of a Religious Teacher or Minister, And whereas, it is equitable that these privileges should be extended to the said Reverend George W. Perkins, or the Minister for the time being of such Presbyterian Congregation, and that the said Congregation should be enabled to take and hold the land required for the site of a Church or Meeting House, Burial Ground, and Dwelling-house, for the use of a Religious Teacher or Minister: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *"An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America,* and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the said George W. Perkins, or any Minister for the time being of the said Congregation, to obtain, have and keep, subject always to the penalties by law in this behalf provided, Registers duly authenticated according to law, of all such Marriages, Baptisms and Burials, as may be performed or take place under the ministry of such Minister or Clergyman; and which Registers the necessary legal formalities as by law already provided, in relation to Registers of the like nature being observed, shall to all intents and purposes, have the same effect at law as if the same had been kept by any Minister in this Province of the established Church of England or Scotland, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

George W. Perkins or any other Minister for the time being of the said congregation may keep a Register.

Congregation may appoint Trustees to take conveyance of land, for the uses set forth.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that whenever the said Congregation shall have occasion to take a conveyance of land for any of the uses hereinbefore set forth, it shall be lawful for them to appoint Trustees, to whom and to whose successors, to be appointed in such manner as shall be specified in the deed of conveyance, the land required for all or any of the purposes aforesaid, may be conveyed, and it shall be competent to such Trustees and their successors in perpetual succession, to take, hold and possess such land, and to commence, maintain or defend any action or actions at law for the protection of or in any way concerning their rights and property therein.

III.