

To regulate the administration of Fabriques in Lower Canada.

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

I. All laws, ordinances, and edicts relating to the administration of the 5 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Churches in Lower Canada, in so far as they are contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed. Laws contrary to this Act repealed.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 10 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 15 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 such parish or mission shall be composed of the 20 past and present Churchwardens. Fabrique Council.

4th. The Board of Churchwardens shall be composed of three mem- 25 bers elected by the inhabitants of each parish or mission. Board of Churchwardens.

5th. The *Curé*, Missionary or Person administering the parish or mis- sion shall have a vote both in the Council and in the Board of Church- 30 wardens. Curé to take part.

*Powers and Authorities.*

1st. No Fabrique shall be entitled to hold any real estate beyond a lot of 25 one hundred arpents in superficies, in any parish or mission, nor any other building 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, sub- 30 ject to the restrictions contained in the preceding article. Sale of real property.