

amended at the annual meeting of the society at Hamilton in June 1868 ; that the law of this Province makes no provision for the holding or disposing of property held by trustees under the Act respecting religious institutions in Upper Canada in the case of churches or congregations ceasing to exist ; and that provision would be made by the Congregational Union of Canada in the trust deeds of the property of Congregational churches for the management of such property by the said society in the event of any such church ceasing to exist, if the society had the necessary corporate powers ; and it is prayed that an Act may be passed incorporating the persons hereinafter named, who form the general committee of the said society, and the other members of the said society by the name of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society ; And whereas it is expedient to grant the said petition :

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows :—

1. The Rev. Henry Wilkes D.D., the Rev. W. F. Clarke, the Rev. John Wood, the Rev. F. H. Marling, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, the Rev. H. D. Powis, the Rev. Archibald Duff, the Rev. S. G. Dodd, the Rev. Charles Chapman, Henry Cox, Thomas Edgar, Joseph Barber, W. C. Ashdown, C. Lawes, James Baylis, Robert Freeland, J. McNichol and all other persons associated with them or who may hereafter be associated with them or with each other as members of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society under the provisions of the constitution in the preamble mentioned as it now exists or as it may at any time hereafter be amended by the said society, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Canada Congregational Missionary Society."

2. The objects of the said Corporation shall be the same as expressed in the said constitution as it now exists or as it may be amended as aforesaid.

3. The affairs of the said corporation shall be conducted and administered by the general committee appointed as provided by the constitution, who shall exercise all the corporate powers of the corporation.

4. The body incorporated by this Act may from time to time and at all times, acquire and hold as purchasers any interest in lands and tenements, and the same alienate, lease, mortgage and dispose of and purchase others in their stead : Provided always, and it is enacted, that the said corporation shall at no time acquire or hold as purchasers any lands or tenements, or interests therein, exceeding in whole at any one time the annual value of five thousand dollars, nor otherwise than for their actual use or occupation, for the purposes of the said corporation : And it is further enacted, that the said corporation may, by the name aforesaid, from time to time, take or hold by gift, devise or bequest any lands or tenements, or interests therein, if such gift, devise or bequest be made at least six months before the death of the person making the same ; but the said corporation shall at no time take or hold by any gift, devise or bequest, so as that the annual value of any lands or tenements, or interests therein, so to be taken or held by gift, devise, or bequest, shall at any one time in the whole exceed the annual value of one thousand dollars ; and no lands or tenements, or interests therein acquired by gift, devise or bequest, shall be held by the said corporation for a longer period than seven years after the acquisition thereof ; and within such period they shall respectively be absolutely disposed of by the said corporation, so that it no longer retain any interest therein ; and the proceeds on such disposition shall be invested in public securities, municipal debentures, or other approved securities, not including mortgages, for the use of the said corporation ; and such lands, tenements or interests therein, or such thereof which may not, within the said period have been so disposed of, shall revert to the person from whom the same was acquired, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

5. The said corporation shall, whenever required by the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, make a full return to the Legislature of its property, real and personal, and of its receipts and expenditure and of any other facts or particulars which the Lieutenant-Governor may require.