

F. W. Owen, the Honorable John S. Saunders, the Honorable A. Edwin Botsford, the Honorable Thomas H. Peters, the Honorable Charles Simonds, and Frederick A. Wiggins, Esquire, and such other persons as are now Members of the said Society, according to the Constitution, Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations thereof, and such other persons as shall from time to time hereafter become Members of the Society, shall be and are hereby declared to be a Body Corporate and Politic in name and in deed by the name of *The Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick*, and by the said name the said Society shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province.

2. The Constitution, Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations hereinbefore recited, shall and the same are hereby declared to be the Constitution, Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation, and shall and may from time to time, as occasion may require, be rescinded, abrogated, repealed, altered, extended or amended in the manner therein and thereby directed; provided the same be not repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of the Province.

Constitution, &c., before recited, to be the Constitution, &c., but may be amended.

3. The property, both real and personal, moneys, funds, securities and assets of every description of the said Society, whether in possession, remainder, reversion or expectancy, shall from and after the passing of this Act be and the same are hereby declared to be absolutely vested in the said Corporation by the name aforesaid, for the like objects and purposes, and no other, for which the same were held by the said Society, and by the said Corporation shall be appropriated and applied in like manner as the same were required to be appropriated and applied by the said Society; and shall and may from time to time be sued for and recovered by all lawful ways and means to and for the uses aforesaid; and all the liabilities of the said Society, both in law and equity, shall in like manner, from and after the passing of this Act, devolve upon the said Corporation by the name aforesaid, to the same extent as the said Society would have been held liable for, had this Act not been passed.

Property in possession or expectancy, vested in Corporation.

4. This Act shall not take effect unless and until it is accepted by a majority of Members present at any Meeting of the Society to be called for that purpose at Fredericton, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, after two months notice to be given by advertisement in the Royal Gazette, and unless it receive the sanction of the Lord Bishop, to be given at or before such Meeting.

Act not to have effect till accepted.

#### CAP. V.

An Act for the incorporation of certain Bodies connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Brunswick.

Passed 14th April 1853.

**‘WHEREAS** a number of persons in this Province are associated together ‘in Classes, Societies and Congregations, constituting a Religious ‘Community known by the name of *The Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Brunswick*, under the pastoral care and direction of Ministers of the Gospel in connection with the British Conference, as known and defined by a certain deed, poll or ‘instrument in writing under the hand and seal of the Reverend John Wesley, ‘bearing date on or about the twenty eighth day of February in the year of our ‘Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, and enrolled in Her Majesty’s ‘High Court of Chancery on or about the ninth day of March in the year last ‘aforesaid; the Ministers and Members of which Church are in connection with ‘and are governed and directed by the rules and usages made or sanctioned from ‘time to time by the said Conference: And whereas for the more beneficial and ‘effectual

Preamble.

Existence of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Brunswick;