

as that of electors as hereinafter mentioned, making six in all, who shall be, together with the minister of the congregation, or in case of a vacancy, the member of Presbytery appointed to moderate in the session during such vacancy, in lieu of the trustees appointed in this Act, the body corporate of the said congregation.

Election to be held annually on the 1st Tuesday in January

III. The first election under this Act shall take place on the first Tuesday in January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and it shall be the duty of the existing trustees, and they are hereby required, to request the minister or moderator of the session, in case of a vacancy, or the clerk of session, in case of the minister or moderator's absence, to give notice of such election to the congregation at the time of divine service, on two Sabbaths preceding such election; and in case of a vacancy, such notice shall be given by the clerk of session, by inserting the same in the *Royal Gazette*, or other newspaper published in Charlottetown, and shall state the time and place of holding such election, at which time and place the meeting shall choose a chairman; all the male adherents in the congregation from twenty-one years of age, who may hold a pew or half a pew, and not in arrears, or who may be contributing from fifteen shillings and upwards annually, and not in arrears, shall be qualified to vote at such election, the chairman of the said meeting having a casting vote in the case of an equality; and the names of the persons elected shall be duly recorded on the minute book of the corporation; any vacancy that may occur during the year by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled up by the trustees, such filling up being valid until next annual election; any one or more or all of the trustees may be reelected, and the election to be in the usual mode of electing in the congregation by open vote; if it should so happen that the election of trustees shall not take place on the first Tuesday in January, then the existing trustees shall continue in office till the expiration of the year.

Vacancy occurring by death or otherwise, how filled up, &c.

Common seal and all other property to be vested in trustees, &c.

IV. The seal of said corporation, and all deeds, books, minutes, vouchers, obligations, securities for moneys, and all and every description of property, really and truly belonging to the congregation, shall, immediately after the passing of this Act, come into the custody and possession of the above named trustees, and shall be by them transferred to their successors immediately following them in office as trustees.

Corporation may contract for and purchase lands or personal estate, &c.

V. It shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to contract for and purchase, or in any lawful mode, whether by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, to acquire or obtain either in fee simple for life, or for any term of years, for the benefit of said congregation, any messuages, lands, tenements,