

1. The present Bishop of Nova Scotia is, and he and his successors in office duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, shall be a corporation sole, with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, heretofore used, and all real estate conveyed to, or vested in the Bishop of Nova Scotia, whether in trust or otherwise, shall be vested in the said corporation sole, subject to all existing trusts.

2. Nothing within this Act contained shall extend in any manner to confer any spiritual jurisdiction or ecclesiastical rights whatsoever upon the said Episcopal corporation hereby continued or created.

### CHURCH ACT.

(PASSED IN 1876, AND AMENDED 1879.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. No person shall officiate as a Minister of the Church of England within the Province of Nova Scotia but such as shall be duly licensed or instituted to the cure of souls by the Bishop of the Diocese, having previously subscribed to such declarations of assent and conformity to the doctrines and discipline of the Church of England as may be enjoined in England at the time of making such subscriptions, except so far as they, or any of them, may be contrary to or inconsistent with the Canons or Regulations of the Provincial or Diocesan Synods. And no license or institution shall be refused without the reasons therefore being duly signified in writing and delivered to the applicant within three months from the date of application from such license or letters of institution.

2. The Parishes already established shall remain as heretofore, and when any church shall be erected for Divine Service, according to the rites of the Church of England, the Bishop of the Diocese may allot a district which shall be the parish of such church. The Bishop may also divide and sub-divide any Parish now established or hereafter to be established; but no Parish shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of the majority of the parishioners present at any public meeting of the Parish called for the consideration of such a measure.