

Charitable Associations Act.

Fee to Registrar General.

fee of Fifteen Dollars shall be paid to the Registrar General, for his own use, for revising such Rules and granting such Certificate as aforesaid.

Societies may require security from their Officers.

VI. Such Societies may require the Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Trustees thereof, to give security for all such sums of money or other property of the Society, as may from time to time be placed in their hands or under their control, in trust for and on behalf of the objects of the Society; and all such securities, being in writing, shall be deemed good security, and admissible as evidence in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction.

May acquire personal and real property to a certain extent, and alienate same.

VII. The Members of each of such Societies or Bodies in its locality, in the name of the Society, or in the name of the Presiding or other Officer or Officers thereof, may acquire and take by purchase, donation, devise, or otherwise, and hold for the use of the Members of the Society, and according to the Rules and Regulations thereof, all kinds of personal and also real property in this Colony, not exceeding Five Acres; and may sell and alienate the same, and may purchase and acquire in the stead and place thereof, any other real estate not exceeding the quantity above mentioned.

A larger quantity of land may be held on Licence from the Governor in Council.

It shall be lawful for each such Society to hold a larger quantity of land for any special purpose, provided a Licence from the Governor in Council is obtained; but such land shall be held upon such terms, and for such purpose only, as shall be expressed in such Licence.

May invest money on security of real estate.

VIII. Nothing in this Act contained shall prevent any such Societies from investing any moneys in their hands upon the security of Mortgages upon Real Estate. Provided, that in cases of foreclosures, the Real Estate of such Mortgages so foreclosed shall be immediately thereafter sold, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the general purposes of such Society.

On foreclosure of Mortgage, real estate to be sold.

Punishment of Members and Officers embezzling funds.

IX. If any Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, or Member of any such Society, obtains undue possession of, misappropriates, embezzles, or withholds from the other Members, Officers, or other Persons entitled to demand and receive the same, the whole or any portion of the funds, moneys, or other property of the Society, and continues to withhold such property after due demand has been made for the restoration and payment of the same, by some one or more of the Members or Officers duly appointed by and on behalf of the Body or Society, every such offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof, shall be imprisoned for any term not exceeding Three Years, with or without hard labour, or suffer such other punishment by fine or imprisonment, or by both, as the Court may award.

What to be evidence.

X. The printed or written Rules of such Society in force for the time being so certified as aforesaid, and the appointment of any Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, or enrolment of any Member, certified under the hand of the Presiding Officer for the time being, and the seal of the Society, and the Books, Minutes, and other Documents of the Society, relative to any portion of the matter then in question, may be received in evidence in any proceedings in any Court of Civil or Criminal Jurisdiction, against any of the parties mentioned in the last preceding Section charged with the offence therein stated.

Non-liability of Members.

XI. No Member of any such Society shall, in his individual capacity, be liable for any debt or liability of the Society.

Short Title.

XII. This Act may be cited as "The Charitable Associations Act, 1871."

Passed the Legislative Council the 24th day of March, A. D. 1871.

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

PHILIP J. HANKIN,
Speaker.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 28th day of March, 1871.

A. MUSGRAVE,
Governor.

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