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No. 23.

An Ordinance respecting the property of Religious Institutions in the Colony of British Columbia.

[15th March, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amalgamate the Local Laws respecting the property of Religious Institutions; Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. Where a Religious Society or Congregation of Christians in the Colony of British Columbia desire to take a conveyance of land for the site of a Church, Chapel, Meeting House, School, Belfry, Burial Ground, or residence for the Minister, or for the support of Public Worship, and the propagation of Christian knowledge, such Society or Congregation may appoint Trustees, to whom, and their successors to be appointed in such manner as may be specified in the Deed of Conveyance, the land requisite for all or any of the purposes aforesaid may be conveyed; and such Trustees and their successors in perpetual succession, by the name expressed in the Deed, may, after the consent of the Governor thereto first had and obtained, take, hold, and possess the land, and maintain and defend actions in law or equity for the protection thereof, and of their property therein. Provides for Religious Societies holding Land.

II. But such Trustees shall, within twelve calendar months after the execution of the Deed of Conveyance, cause the Deed to be Registered in the office of the Registrar General for that portion of the Colony in which the land included in the Deed is situate, or otherwise the same shall be void. Title Deeds must be registered.

III. When a debt has been, or may hereafter be, contracted for the building, repairing, extending or improving of a Church, Meeting House, Chapel, School or Belfry on land held by Trustees for the benefit of any Religious Society in the Colony of British Columbia, or for the purchase of the land on which the same has been, or is intended to be erected, the Trustees, or a majority of them, may from time to time secure the debt, or any part thereof, by a mortgage upon the Land, Church, Meeting House, Chapel, School or Belfry, or may borrow to pay the debt or part thereof, and may secure the repayment of the loan and interest by a like mortgage upon such terms as may be agreed upon. Property of Religious bodies may be mortgaged.

IV. The Grantees in trust named in any letters patent from the Crown, or the survivor or survivors of them, or the Trustees for the time being appointed in manner prescribed in the Letters Patent or other Deed, whereby lands are granted for the use of a Congregation or Religious Body, and any other Trustees for the time being entitled Trustees may let lands belonging to Religious bodies;