

An Act to amend the Act of Upper Canada, enabling the Presbyterian Congregation of York to purchase ground for a Church and Burying-ground.

WHEREAS under and by virtue of an Act passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada, in the fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, “*An Act to enable the Presbyterian Congregation of York to purchase one or more parcels of ground, sufficient for the erection of a Church and Burying-ground.*” Jesse Ketchum, by deed dated the nineteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, conveyed, or purported to convey, the land therein described, to certain persons therein named as Trustees of the said congregation and their successors: And whereas the said Trustees had obtained a grant from the Crown of half an acre of Land on Duchess Street, in the City of Toronto, by Patent dated the 15th day of April, 1825: And whereas the said Trustees took possession of the said land under the said deeds; And whereas in the year 1844, another Presbyterian congregation of Toronto joined the said Presbyterian congregation with its minister, so as thenceforth and still to form one Presbyterian congregation, under the name of the Congregation of Knox’s Church, Toronto, and as such congregation erected a church and made other improvements on the said land; And whereas doubts having arisen as to the validity of the said deed of eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, the said Jesse Ketchum, by Indenture, dated the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, conveyed and confirmed the said land therein mentioned to certain persons therein named, being Trustees of the congregation of Knox’s Church aforesaid, and their successors; And whereas the mode of electing such Trustees, referred to in the said recited Act, is indefinite and has led to difficulties; And whereas the congregation of Knox’s Church aforesaid have petitioned the Legislature to amend the said recited Act, and it is just to comply with the said petition; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. From and after the passing of this Act, the mode of choosing Trustees in the said recited Act mentioned, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and in lieu thereof, the Trustees of the congregation of Knox’s Church aforesaid, to the number of five, and being such members and seat-holders as hereinafter mentioned, shall, at all times hereafter, be chosen by the members whose names shall appear on the Session-roll of the congregation of Knox’s Church aforesaid, and who shall be seat-holders in the said Church, or by a majority of such members present at any meeting when such Trustees or Trustee shall be elected—each such member to be entitled to give only one vote for each Trustee to be chosen at such election: Provided always, that such election shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the congregation of Knox’s Church aforesaid, or at any Special Meeting

Preamble.

4 G. 4. c. 34.

Mode in which the Trustees of Knox’s Church shall hereafter be elected.

Proviso.