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An Act to incorporate the Benevelent Societies of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature Preamble. of this Province, that certain Ministers and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in connexion with the British Wesleyan Conference, have estab-

- 5 lished themselves together under a constitution intituled, "The Doctrines and Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist "Church in Canada," and certain other rules and regulations, creating and establishing "The Missionary Society "of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," and
- 10 "The Book and Printing Establishments," and "The "Contingent Fund," and "The Annuitant Fund Society," and "The Superannuated or worn-out Preachers' Fund," and "The Chapel Relief Fund;" and have contributed or engaged to contribute considerable sums of money, and
- 15 have given or granted, or promised to give or grant, lands or real estate for the following objects, that is to say :---
  - First. For the support and enlargement of Missions among the Indians, and in the new and destitute settlements of the country and elsewhere.
- 20 Secondly. For the publication and circulation of periodicals and books for the diffusion of useful knowledge.

Thirdly. For making up the deficiency of new and feeble Circuits, and to assist the Ministers in time of personal and family afflictions, and to pay various connexion-25 al expenses.

*Fourthly.* For the support of aged and infirm Ministers, and the widows and children of deceased Ministers.

Fifthly. For the building of places of worship and for the relief of Churches in distressed and embarrassed cir-30 cumstances.

And whereas it would tend to promote the purposes of said Association that it should be incorporated and empowered to hold property in mortmain without letters of license, and to manage, administer, alienate, or dispose of 35 the same for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and to make and enforce rules and regulations for the government of said Association, and for better attaining the purposes aforesaid :---Be it therefore enacted, &c.