

## AN ACT

## To Incorporate certain Bodies in connection with the Free Baptist Church of Nova Scotia.

Passed the 18th day of April, A. D., 1869.

## Section.

1. Incorporation.
2. First Meeting.
3. Powers of Trustees.
4. Vesting of Real and Personal Property.
5. Conference.
6. Investment of Money.
7. Church may elect Trustees.

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8. Voting at election of Trustees.
9. Quorum.
10. Trust Lands to, subject to the provisions of this Act.
11. No Conveyance to a Free Baptist Church to be deemed a Conveyance to Free Baptist Conference, unless expressed.
12. Revenue.

Whereas a number of persons in this Province associated together in Churches constituting two religious communities, known respectively as the "Free-Will Baptists" and the "Free Christian Baptists" of Nova Scotia, did call a Convention of Delegates from the several Churches of such two Denominations at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne, on Thursday the twenty ninth day of November, A. D., 1867 who then and there unanimously formed themselves into an Association, by the name of the "Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia;"

And Whereas this religious community now exists, governed by rules made by the said Conference, composed of all the ordained Elders, Licentiate, Deacons and Delegates from the Quarterly Meetings of the said Church in Nova Scotia; and the business of such Conference is presided over by a Moderator elected annually from the ordained Elders;

And Whereas such Conference is possessed of considerable property, real and personal;

And Whereas parcels of land have been conveyed in trust for such Conference, and Meeting Houses have been built thereon, and serious inconveniences have arisen in the holding and transmission of such lands, and the management of their property, from the difficulty of appointing new Trustees on the occurrence of vacancies, and it is believed that the Incorporation of such Conference, and the several Churches respectively, would greatly simplify the management of their temporal concerns and advance the several benevolent and religious objects of the said Church, and promote its spiritual interests:

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

1. Elders C. Knowles, A. Swim, D. Oram, W. C. Weston, S. K. West, J. I. Porter, E. Sullivan, C. Cann, W. M. Knollin, T. H. Crowell, W. Downey, B. Minard, Z. Churchill, J. Lowden, C. Cushing, sen., B. Banks, B. Cowell, J. Newell, T. Pitman, G. Bower, D. B. Porter, W. Sollows, S. Crowell, J. Robbins, E. Crowell, L. Minard, C. Cushing, jun., P. Smith, S. W. Nickerson, A. E. Gaten, A. Pitman, S. Hamilton, J. Terfry, D. P. Corning, M. McGray, J. Kenny, E. W. Perry, A. McGray, W. Sims, A. Robbins, T. Brown, and E. Perry and others, now constituting "The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia," and may purchase, receive and hold grants of real and personal estate, and sell, assign, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, and the rents and profits, for the use of such Conference and Churches, according to the intention of the donors, and may appoint officers for the management of any funds, institutions and objects connected with such Conference and Church, and may regulate the mode of constituting and government of such Conference.

*These said Cities & Successors shall be a body politic & corporate by the name of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.*

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