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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Formed 8th April, 1839.

I. This Society shall be called "*The French Canadian Missionary Society*;" and its exclusive object shall be, to provide means for preaching and otherwise disseminating the Gospel of Christ among the inhabitants of Canada using the French language.

II. The operations of this Society shall embrace—the employment of ministers, teachers, book-venders, and scripture-readers, (whose native language is French if possible),—the establishment and support of schools, and places of worship,—and the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and such publications as may be requisite in accomplishing the objects of the Society.

III. No person shall be admitted or continued a Minister, Teacher, Agent, Trustee, or Office-Bearer under any name, in connection with this Society, whose religious sentiments are not decidedly in accordance with the great evangelical doctrines of the Protestant Faith: namely,—the fallen and totally depraved condition of human nature. The supreme divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The sacrificial character and design of the Saviour's death. The deity, personality, and saving influences of the Holy Spirit. Justification by faith alone, through the atoning merits and all prevalent intercession of the Son of God. The necessity of holiness of heart and life as produced and maintained by the indwelling Spirit of God. The endless duration of future rewards and punishments.

The above summary of doctrine shall equally apply to all books and tracts distributed by the agents of this Society.

IV This Society shall maintain an entire absence of a sectarian spirit in the choice of its agents, the application of its funds, and the management of its concerns. In the selection of its agents, there shall be alone consulted their religious and intellectual fitness for promoting the grand object in view, namely, the bringing of souls into the kingdom of God, and building them on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

V. The instructions to be given to missionaries and other agents of this Society shall be:—First, that in all their intercourse with the French Canadians they abstain as much as possible from controversy on the errors of the Romish Church, and that they seek to promote their religious instruction and salvation, by plainly and affectionately preaching and enforcing the great doctrines of evangelical religion as stated above: as it is believed, that in this case the declaration of "the truth as it is in Jesus" will prove the best means of refuting error.—Secondly, that as it appears important to the success of this Christian enterprise to secure as much as possible unanimity and uniformity in its proceedings and operations, it also be required of all the agents of the Society to abstain from *urging* their own peculiar denominational views as to doctrine or church government; and to require *only* as conditions of church membership a profession of the Protestant Faith as held by this Society, (and set forth in article third of this Constitution,) accompanied by suitable and satisfactory evidences of true piety in the candidate.

VI. All property which this Society may purchase, or otherwise acquire in furtherance of its objects anywhere throughout this Province, in conformity with the Ordinance II Victoria, chapter 26, shall be held by separate trusts, each mission property having its own trustees. The persons composing the mission at each station, with the members of the church (if there be any) connected with the mission at that place, shall nominate the trustees for that individual property, who shall in no case be appointed unless approved of by the general Committee of this