

persons who are desirous that the denomination of Regular Baptists should have the benefit, in the manner hereinafter provided of the amount paid thereon; and whereas it is desired that the work of the various denominational Societies of the Baptist Churches of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should be under the control of representatives of the said Churches; and whereas the said Societies and the said Standard Publishing Company, and the shareholders thereof, have petitioned for an Act giving them such representatives in Convention assembled, authority to appoint members of corporate Boards for the purpose of carrying on the said work as hereinafter provided: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada enacts as follows:

1. Each Regular Baptist Church within the limits of the said Provinces shall be entitled to send two or more delegates to an Assembly to be called "The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec."

2. Until the said Convention otherwise provides by a resolution, passed by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present, after a year's notice of the proposed change, the delegates shall be elected as follows:

(a) Each Church having a membership of one hundred or under, shall be entitled to send two delegates.

(b) Each Church having a membership of over one hundred, shall be entitled to send an additional delegate for each additional hundred of membership, or fraction of a hundred, provided such fraction of a hundred exceeds fifty.

(c) Each delegate must be a member of a Regular Baptist Church situate within the territorial limits of the Convention, and appointed at a meeting of the Church, and duly certified by the Clerk of the Church as having been so appointed. The Church Clerk shall also certify to the Convention, the number of members composing the Church of which he is Clerk.

3. The objects of the Convention shall be the promotion and prosecution of such work and enterprises as are deemed in the interests of the denomination, and particularly those specified in section five.

4. The Convention shall have a President and any other officers that it deems necessary. It shall meet annually or oftener, at such times and places as it appoints. The first meeting shall be held at the city of Ottawa on the third Thursday of October next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The annual meetings need not be held at absolute intervals of twelve months, and a period not exceeding fifteen months may intervene between two annual meetings.

5. The Convention shall at its annual meetings, appoint members of Boards for the following purposes:

(a) A Board for the prosecution of mission work within the Dominion of Canada, including the aid of weak churches, to be called "The Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention";

(b) A Board for the prosecution of mission work outside of Canada, to be called "The Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention";

(c) A Board for the purpose of assisting and supporting aged ministers of the denomination, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, to be called "The Ministerial Superannuation Board of the Baptist Convention";