

Province, or be directed to the furtherance of any political or seditious object whatsoever.

They may acquire property to a certain extent, and alienate the same, &c.

III. And be it enacted. That it shall and may be lawful for the Members of each of such Societies or bodies in its locality, by whatsoever name, designation, number or description, such Society or body may be known, in the name of such Society or body, or in the name of the Presiding, or other Officer or Officers thereof, to acquire and take, by purchase, donation, devise or otherwise, and to hold for the use of the Members of such Societies, and according to the rules and regulations as aforesaid of the said Societies, all and every kind of personal property and also real property in the Province of Canada, not exceeding five acres, and to sell and alienate the same, whether acquired before or after the passing of this Act, and to purchase and acquire in the stead and place thereof any other real estate, not exceeding the quantity before mentioned; and that each of the said Societies shall have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their will and pleasure, and by whatever name, designation, number or description they may severally be known, shall and may have continued succession, and may contract and be contracted with, sue, and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts and places whatsoever, in all actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever.

Certain other corporate powers vested in them.

They may take security from their officers.

IV. And be it enacted, That it may be lawful for such Societies to require, and for the Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers and Trustees to give security for all such sums of money, or other the property of any such Society, as may from time to time be placed in the hands of or under the control of such Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers and Trustees in trust for and on behalf of the objects of such Society, and all such securities being in writing, shall be deemed good and valid security and admissible as evidence in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Civil and Criminal Judicature.

Punishment of Officers and Members embezzling funds, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That if any Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee or Member of any Society constituted in accordance with this Act shall obtain undue possession of, misappropriate, embezzle or withhold from the other Members, Officers or other persons entitled to demand and receive the same, the whole or any portion of the funds, moneys, or other property of such Society, and shall continue to withhold such property after due demand shall have been made for the restoration and payment of the same by some one or more of the Members or Officers duly appointed by and on behalf of the said Body or Society, every such offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to be imprisoned at