

BILL.

An Act respecting the Boards of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

[Assented to 23rd March, 1889.]

Whereas an Act is now before the Parliament of Canada, intitled "*An Act respecting the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec*," for the purpose of placing the work of the various denominational societies of the Baptist Churches of the said Provinces under the control of representatives of the said churches; and whereas by the said Act it is proposed to authorize the said Convention to appoint members of the following Boards, namely: (1) The Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention, (2) The Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention, (3) The Ministerial Superannuation Board of the Baptist Convention, (4) The Publication Board of the Baptist Convention, (5) The Church Edifice Board of the Baptist Convention; and whereas it is intended that each of the said Boards shall be a corporate body with certain powers and purposes as in the said Act set forth; and whereas it is expedient that the Legislature of Ontario should grant to the said Boards the powers hereinafter conferred; and whereas it is expedient that the Home Mission Society of Ontario should be merged in the said Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention, and that the authority now possessed by the Regular Baptist Missionary Society of Ontario and the Regular Baptist Missionary Convention East (which bodies have since become united) to appoint sixteen members of the Board of Governors of McMaster University, be transferred to the said Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, and the bodies interested have petitioned therefor; and whereas the Regular Baptist Church Edifice Society of Ontario and Quebec, and the Society for the relief of superannuated Regular Baptist ministers, and the widows and orphans of Regular Baptist ministers are two unincorporated societies, respectively formed by the voluntary association of members of Regular Baptist Churches with objects similar to the purposes of the said "The Church Edifice Board of the Baptist Convention" and of the said "Ministerial Superannuation Board of the Baptist Convention," and it is desired that the said unincorporated societies should be dissolved and their property vested in the said two last mentioned Boards, and the said societies have respectively petitioned therefor; and whereas to prevent embarrassment it is desirable that this Act should be passed at the present Session of the Legislature, with a provision that the same shall not come into force until a proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor issues naming a day therefor, so that the same may not take effect until the said proposed Act of Parliament has been passed; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayers of the said petitions.

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. Each of the boards mentioned in the said Act of the Parliament of Canada shall have authority to take by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise and to hold and enjoy any real or personal property, lands and tenements in Ontario, and may alienate the same at pleasure, provided always that no real estate not actually occupied for the purposes of the Board by which it is held shall be held for a longer period than seven years, and the lands in Ontario held by the Board shall not exceed in annual value the sum of \$5,000 at any one time: Provided that no gift or devise of any real estate or of any interest therein shall be valid unless made by deed or will executed by the donor or testator at least six months before his death.