

Darling, Joseph M. Ross, Wm. G. Greenshields, Alexander Begg, William Muir, Jr., John Dods, and Andrew Allan, Trustees, to hold the property of the said Congregation and to manage and conduct the temporalities of the said Church, under the name and title of "The Trustees of St. Paul's Church, Montreal," who shall continue in office until the annual meeting to be held on the first Monday of September, 1853, at which, and each subsequent annual meeting, two of their number shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election, the two Trustees at the top of the list as fixed at the time of their election, shall retire at the end of the first year, and two others shall be elected in their room, whose names shall be placed at the bottom of the list, and in such like manner annually, in regular rotation of office. In case of the death, removal, or resignation of any Trustee during the interval between the annual meeting, it shall be competent for the remaining Trustees to fill up the vacancy until the next annual meeting. Immediately after every annual meeting the Trustees shall elect a Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer from their own number; three to be a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Chairman to have a casting vote.

ARTICLE IV.—The qualification for a Trustee shall be, that he has been in full communion with the said Church for at least three years, and a rent-payer for the same period, not in arrears.

ARTICLE V.—That whenever a vacancy shall occur by the death, resignation, translation or deposition of the minister, it shall be the duty of the Kirk-Session within fourteen days from the date of such vacancy, to convoke in such way as they shall see most fit, a meeting of the Congregation (consisting of all persons of whom certification is made that their names have been on the Communion roll for at least one year previous to the vacancy) to assemble in the Church on a day not more than eight days after the day of notification, for the purpose of taking proper steps for the election of a minister, when those duly qualified to vote shall elect a committee of eight members of the Congregation, qualified same as Trustees, as provided for in Article III, who, along with eight members of the Kirk-Session, to be elected by the Kirk-Session—said sixteen members to act as one committee—shall have full power to take such steps as to them shall seem best adapted for the speedily obtaining for said Church a regularly ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, or of the Church of Scotland, or other duly qualified Presbyterian minister, who shall be received by the said Presbyterian Church in Canada. At all meetings of the said Committee and Kirk-Session nine shall be a quorum, and the Chairman shall not vote unless in case of equality of votes. Having made their selection, they shall duly present the person on whom their choice has fallen with an invitation in the name of the Church and Congregation to become their Minister, and having received his acceptance, the same, together with the presentation and the requisite securities for his temporal support, shall be laid before the Presbytery of the bounds, that he may be inducted into the pastoral charge of said Church according to the laws and practice of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

ARTICLE VI.—That the Secretary-Treasurer shall, previous to the election of Trustees, or of the election of a committee for selecting a minister, make up lists or rolls of the members qualified to be Trustees, or to vote in the election of Trustees, to be members of committee for selecting a minister, or to vote in the selection of such committees.

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