

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

38 VIC., CAP. LXI.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland," and amendments thereto.

Whereas by petition it hath been represented that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, of the Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces and the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, have agreed to unite together, and to form one body or denomination of Christians, under the name of "The Presbyterian Church in Canada," and that the Act 10 and 11 Vic., cap. 103, 1847, intitled "An Act to incorporate the managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland," and amendments thereto, require to be amended with a view to such union, and in order to the carrying into effect of certain resolutions passed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, with reference to said fund, and for the protection of those interested in the same: Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything in the said act, and the amendment or amendments thereto contained, and notwithstanding, that from and after the time when a notice shall have been published in the Quebec *Official Gazette*, to the effect that the Moderators of the aforesaid Churches negotiating for the union have signed the terms of union agreed upon, the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, shall have ceased to exist as a separate church, the fund presently existing for the benefit of the ministers' widows and orphans of the said Church shall continue for the benefit of the widows and orphans of those ministers who shall have been members of the Synod of the said Church at the date of union.

2. That those persons who shall be managers of the said fund at the date of union shall not require to be elected periodically as hitherto, but shall continue to be the managers thereof, unless they resign, so long as they shall remain members or adherents of the united Church, until they are relieved of their office in the manner hereinafter provided for; and in the event of the resignation, decease or withdrawal from the communion of the united Church of any member or members of the Board, the remaining members shall have power to fill up such vacancy or vacancies, provided the person or persons so chosen shall be ministers whose rights in the fund are guaranteed by this Act, or members or adherents of their congregations; and the Board so constituted shall have power to hold all moneys, properties and mortgages, and to exercise all the rights appertaining to the present Board of managers; and they are hereby authorized to receive such legacies and bequests as may be made for the benefit of the said fund.

3. That after the union, until such time as an equitable arrangement for the establishment of a ministers' widows' and orphans' fund for the united Church shall have been made, the widows and orphans entitled to receive annuities from the said fund at the date of union, or the widows and orphans of those ministers who at the date of union are members of the Synod aforesaid, and had contributed personally

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