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western Ontario. He is a former member of the legislative assembly of the province of Ontario, and for a period of three years served as minister of lands and forests for the province of Ontario. Mr. Thompson resides at Ridgetown in south western Ontario. George G. Rodanz resides at Stouffville, Ontario. He is a large farmer and is a director of the royal agricultural winter fair and the Canadian national exhibition, as well as being past president of the Ontario hereford association. John Bull, the last named sponsor is a large farmer and breeder of purebred Jersey cattle. He resides at Brampton, Ontario.

Hon. members will note that it is provided in clause 3 that the capital stock of the company shall be \$3 million which may be increased to \$5 million. In clause 4 it is provided that \$500,000 must be subscribed before the provisional directors can call a general meeting of shareholders for the purpose of organizing the company. Clause 5 provides that the company shall not commence business until at least \$1 million of the capital stock has been subscribed, and at least \$1 million paid thereon. These provisions all come well within the terms of the Trust Companies Act.

I understand that the name "Standard Trust Company" is satisfactory to the officials of the federal department of insurance and also to the officials of the Department of the Secretary of State but should it occur at any stage of the proceedings that the name does not meet with the approval of those concerned, the petitioners are willing to have the name changed. In closing, I might add that it is provided in clause 7 of the bill that the company shall have all the powers, privileges and immunities and shall be subject to all the limitations, liabilities and provisions conferred by the Trust Companies Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA

Mr. R. J. McCleave (Halifax) (for Mr. Morton) moved that the house go into committee on Bill No. S-27 to incorporate the Free Methodist Church in Canada.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. MacEwan in the chair.

On clause 1—*Merger and Incorporation.*

Mr. McCleave: Again, if I may be allowed a brief word of comment, I am substituting for another member who has been in Toronto on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen. I have some familiarity with the

legal aspect of this bill in the sense that it came before the committee over which I have the honour to preside as chairman and at that time we had the advantage of the appearance before us of the reverend gentlemen representing the two churches involved in this merger, as well as parliamentary counsel. Perhaps it would be of interest to the committee if I noted very briefly that the terms set forth in this bill are similar to those in the bill which incorporated the United Church of Canada over a quarter of a century ago which have been used as a precedent whenever two large congregations or two churches with a large number of members are merged into one.

The interesting provisions in the bill are those which provide for the protection of certain congregations which may not wish to go along with the union. We went very carefully in committee into this question of the protection of any dissentients, and that is the point I wanted to mention to the committee this afternoon.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 14 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS

The Acting Chairman (Mr. MacEwan): Is it agreed that Bills Nos. SD-340 to SD-348 inclusive be considered as a group?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Bill SD-340, for the relief of Timothy Allan Moran. (Without Amendment).—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-341, for the relief of Antonio Choma. (Without Amendment).—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-342, for the relief of Helen Ruby Riley Onions. (Without Amendment).—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-343, for the relief of Simone Alberta Chretien Welsh. (Without Amendment).—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-344, for the relief of Edward John Mendelsohn. (Without Amendment).—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-345, for the relief of Marcus Gil-mour. (Without Amendment).—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-346, for the relief of Joyce Rosemary Hudson Plam. (Without Amendment).—Mr. McCleave.