

the proportions aforesaid in rotation according to the seniority of their election: In the event of the death, resignation, removal from the Province, or leaving the communion of the said Church of any member of the said Board, the remaining members, or a majority of them present
 5 at any general meeting duly convened for that purpose, shall choose a minister or layman to fill such vacancy, subject however to the approval of the said synod or other court at its next meeting, so that the said Board shall always consist of twelve members of whom five shall be ministers and seven shall be laymen, all being ministers or members in full
 10 communion of the said Church; Provided always, that until such first annual meeting of its synod as aforesaid and the election of the said six members thereat, all the powers, rights and duties conferred upon the said board by this Act, shall be exercised by the said nine persons named in this Act, as fully and effectually as if the said board consisted
 15 of twelve members as aforesaid.

Casual vacancies.

Provision until first meeting of the Synod.

III. The said Reverend John Cook, Doctor in Divinity, shall call a meeting of the said board, within six months after the passing of this Act, at the City of Montreal, at which meeting the members of the said corporation then present or a majority of them, shall then choose and
 20 elect from among the members of the said board, a chairman, holding office during the pleasure of the said corporation, and who shall elect successors to him as often as occasion may require or the by-laws of the said corporation shall prescribe; and at such meeting and at all other meetings of the Board seven shall constitute a quorum: The said cor-
 25 poration shall further have power, if they see fit, to appoint an executive committee of three members, defining their duties and powers by by-law or by-laws, and shall also have power and authority to appoint on such terms as they may deem suitable, a secretary, who shall not be a member of the Board, and such subordinate officers as may be necessary,
 30 and the same to dismiss or remove as they shall see fit, and shall further have power and authority to make and defray all necessary expenditure for and on behalf of the said corporation.

First meeting of the Board.

Quorum.

Executive Committee, and officers, &c.

IV. The said corporation or the majority thereof present at any meeting of the said corporation duly convened, shall have power and authority
 35 to frame and make statutes, by-laws, rules and orders, touching and concerning the good government of the said corporation, and the collection, administration, investment, application, appropriation and management of the funds aforesaid, and any other matter or thing which to them shall seem fit or expedient for the effectual attainment of the
 40 objects of the said corporation and the administration of its concerns, and for fixing, ascertaining and establishing the scale or rate of stipend from the said funds to the ministers or others entitled thereto under the provisions of this Act, subject however to the aforesaid original annual or other charges; and the scale or rate of annuities payable to superan-
 45 nuated or disabled ministers, and the same to vary, alter, repeal or make anew; Provided always, that all such by-laws shall be submitted to the first meeting of the synod or other supreme court thereafter for confirmation, amendment or rejection, but in the meantime shall till then be operative as *interim* by-laws.

Power to make statutes, By-laws, &c., for what purposes.

Proviso.

V. The said Board shall prepare and submit annually to the said
 50 Synod or other Church Court of the said Church, of the highest jurisdiction, on the first day of the annual session thereof, a balance sheet of

Annual report to the Synod.