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ing; and the minutes of the proceedings of such vestry meetings shall be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall be signed by such incumbent, churchwarden, or other person presiding as chairman, and countersigned by such vestry clerk or secretary, and shall be preserved in the custody of the corporation of the said church or chapel, and such minutes so entered, signed and countersigned, or a copy thereof, duly certified by such incumbent and countersigned by such vestry clerk, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the matters and things therein set forth, and that such meetings were regularly and legally held under the requirements of this Act, without proof of the signature of such incumbent and vestry clerk being required to be made.

12. And be it enacted, that the rentcharge to be paid upon pews holden in freehold, and the rent to be paid for the pews and sittings in pews, leased or rented, shall be regulated from time to time by the majority of those present at such vestry meetings as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, that no alterations shall be made therein except at vestry meetings called for such special purpose, and so expressed in the notice calling the same; and further, that the charges to be made in respect of such conveyances, leases and certificates, shall, in like manner, be regulated at such vestry meetings as aforesaid.

13. And be it enacted, that the clerk of the church or chapel, the organist, the vestry clerk, the sexton, and other subordinate servants of the church or chapel, shall be nominated and appointed by the corporation of such church or chapel, and that their salary and wages shall be brought into the general account, to be rendered as aforesaid by such churchwardens.

14. And be it enacted, that the fees on marriages, registration of baptisms, and for other services of the Church of the like nature, and the charges payable on breaking the ground in the cemeteries or churchyards, and in the said churches or chapels for burying the dead, shall be regulated by the bishop of the diocese, or such person as he may appoint as ordinary.

15. And be it enacted, that at all meetings of the said corporation, any two members thereof shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, but no business shall be transacted except at a meeting duly convened by the incumbent or otherwise as hereinbefore provided.

16. And be it enacted, that it shall be in the power of the members of such vestries, by the majority of those present at any meetings as aforesaid, to make bye-laws for the regulation of their proceedings and the management of the temporalities of the church, chapel, or parish to which they belong, so as that the same be not repugnant to this Act, nor contrary to the canons of the said United Church of England and Ireland.

17. And be it enacted, that all duties, powers, and authority conferred upon the Bishop of Quebec for the time being, by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty GEORGE the Fourth, intituled "An Act to provide for the Extinction of Feudal and Seigniorial Rights and Burthens on Lands held *à titre de fief* and *à titre de cens* in the Province of Lower Canada, and for the Gradual Conversion of those Tenures into the Tenure of Free and Common Soccage, and for other purposes relating to the said Province," so far as the provisions of the same have reference to lands situated within the said diocese of Montreal, and all duties, powers, and authority relating to matters within the said diocese of Montreal conferred upon the Bishop of Quebec by any other Act or Acts or by any authority whatever, and all or any office or offices within the said diocese of Montreal conferred upon the Bishop of Quebec and his successors in office, in his and their official capacities, by any Act or Acts, charter or charters, or by any authority whatever, shall devolve upon and be exercised and held by the Bishop of Montreal and his successors in office, and all acts done and performed by the Bishop of Montreal, or his successors in office, in the performance of such duties, in the exercise of such power and authority, or in the performance of the duties of such office or offices, shall be valid and effectual in as full and ample a manner as if he were Bishop of Quebec aforesaid.

18. And be it enacted, that any deed or conveyance of land, or of personalty, that may be made to any bishop of the said church, in the said diocese of Montreal,