

## THE METHODIST CHURCH ACT, 1884.

An Act of the Legislature of Manitoba respecting the union of certain Methodist Churches therein named.

**W**HEREAS the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada and the Bible Christian Church of Canada have agreed to unite under the name of "The Methodist Church," on the basis of union adopted by the said four denominations, and the Rules, Regulations and Discipline also adopted by the said four denominations in a General Convention or Conference, assembled at the city of Belleville, on the fifth day of September, 1883, which basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline are found in the Journal of the said Conference, published at the city of Toronto, by the Reverend William Briggs, in the said year, and also in the Book of Discipline, published by the said Reverend William Briggs, at Toronto, in the year 1884.

And whereas the said four denominations have, by petition, set forth that they are desirous of having the said union ratified, and have petitioned the Parliament of Canada for an Act to incorporate the said Churches under the name of "The Methodist Church," and are desirous of having an Act passed by the Legislature of this Province, to ratify and confirm the said union, and to vest in the said Methodist Church all the property in Manitoba now vested or held in trust for each of the said Churches, upon the trusts set forth in Schedule "A" to this Act, and to confer upon the said Church such further powers as may be requisite.

And whereas it is deemed expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows :

1. So far as the Legislature of Manitoba has authority to enact, the said basis of union of the said churches is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2. As soon as the said Act of Incorporation shall come into force, all the property, real and personal, within the Province of Manitoba, now belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of the said denominations or any of them, or belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of any corporation under the government or control of any of the said four denominations, shall henceforth be vested in and held, used and administered for the benefit of the said Methodist Church, upon the trusts, and for the ends and purposes declared in said Act of Incorporation.

3. As soon as the said Act of Incorporation shall come into force, all the property, real or personal, within the Province, now belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of any congregation in connection or communion with any of the said denominations, shall henceforth be held, used and administered for the benefit of the said Methodist Church, upon the trusts set out in the said schedule to this Act, and the trustees acting on said trusts for any of said congregations at the date of the coming into force of this Act shall, notwithstanding any irregularity in their appointment, and notwithstanding their number shall not correspond with the number named in the deed of conveyance of said property, be deemed to be, and shall be, the trustees of the said property named in said deed.

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