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(PRIVATE BILL.)

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An Act to incorporate the Upper Canada
Bible Society.

Received and read a first time, Monday, 14th
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Mr. MORRISON.

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An Act to incorporate the Upper Canada Bible Society.

WHEREAS an Association has been formed in Upper Canada Preamble.
 by certain persons therein, anxious for the moral and
 religious improvement of the people thereof, under the name of
 the "Upper Canada Bible Society," for the purpose of circu-
 5 lating the Bible throughout Upper Canada, at the lowest possi-
 ble prices, and gratuitously to such as have not the means
 of paying therefor: And whereas the persons hereinafter
 named, office-bearers and members of the said Society, and
 acting in behalf thereof have, by their petition to the Legislature,
 10 represented that the benefits derivable from the Association, would
 not only be secured, but much enhanced by the incorporation of
 the Members thereof, and have prayed that they may be so incor-
 porated: And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the
 said Petitioners, subject to the provisions and enactments herein-
 15 after contained: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That there shall be, and there is hereby constituted and established Certain persons incorporated. Corporate name and powers.
 in the City of Toronto in that part of this Province of Canada
 called Upper Canada, a body politic and corporate under the
 name of the "Upper Canada Bible Society," which said Cor-
 20 poration shall consist of Jesse Ketchum, the Reverend Robert
 Burns, D. D., James S. Howard, William A. Baldwin, William
 McMaster, William Osborne, John Tyner, Robert James, Alexander
 Christie, Andrew T. McCord, John Burns, John Rains, Thomas
 Clarkson, and all others who now are or may hereafter become
 25 Members of the Corporation under the By-laws thereof, according
 to the said By-laws, and shall have perpetual succession and
 common seal, with power to charge, alter, break, and renew the
 same, when and as often as they shall think proper; and the said
 Corporation may, under the corporate name aforesaid, contract,
 30 and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be im-
 pleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted, in all places and Courts
 in this Province, according to the laws thereof; and have power
 to take under any legal title whatsoever, and to hold for the use
 and purpose of the said Corporation without any further authoriza-
 35 tion, all property real or personal of what nature or kind soever,
 which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed,
 or granted to the said Corporation, or to sell, alien, convey, let,
 or lease the same if need be, any law usage or custom to the

Holding property.

Proviso. contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that the net rents, issues and profits arising from the real property and territorial acquisitions of the said Corporation shall not, at any time, exceed the annual sum of £1,000 of lawful money of Canada.

Amount of real Property limited.

Power to hold property for agencies of auxiliaries of the Society.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation to have, hold, take possession and enjoy by any legal title whatsoever, and to hold the same for the uses of the said Corporation in other and different Counties of Upper Canada, for the use of such Corporation or such Agencies, or Auxiliaries thereof as may from time to time be established according to the By-laws of the said Corporation or as are now established in such Counties, all land or property, real or personal which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation for such agency or auxiliary as aforesaid: Provided always, that the net rents and profits arising from any real property held by the said Corporation for the purposes contemplated by this section in any one County of Upper Canada shall not any time exceed the annual sum of £100 of lawful money of Canada.

Proviso.

Real Property limited.

General Meetings of members; and power to make By-laws.

III. And be it enacted, That any time after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any ten Members of the said Corporation by a notice to be published in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto, to call a General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation, to be held at some certain place in the said City to be named in such notice, on a day and at an hour to be also named therein; and at such meeting or any adjournment thereof, the majority of the Members present, the whole number present not being less than twenty-five, (except for the purpose of choosing a Chairman, and adjourning for which any number shall suffice,) shall have power to make such and so many By-laws (not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act) as they shall deem useful or necessary, as well concerning the admission of Members as the conditions upon which any person shall remain a Member of the said Corporation, and for the general conduct and government thereof and of any agency, or auxiliary thereof, and for the superintendence, advantage and improvement of all the property real or personal belonging to, or which shall hereafter belong to the said Corporation, and for appointing such Directors officers or body for managing the affairs of the said Corporation, and vesting them with such powers, and giving them such tenure of office, as to the majority of Members at such meeting shall deem expedient, and also to regulate the mode in which general meetings of the Corporation shall be called and held, and may at any subsequent general meeting to be so called and held, amend or repeal the said By-laws or any of them.

Amending or repealing By-laws.

IV. And be it enacted, That the property now held by, in trust for, or to the use of the said "Upper Canada Bible Society," shall be and is hereby vested in the Corporation hereby constituted, for the uses and purposes thereof. Certain property vested in the Corporation.

5 V. And be it enacted, That all the property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation as well as the revenue arising therefrom, shall, at all times, be exclusively applied and appropriated to the purposes mentioned in the Preamble to this Act, and to no other object. Application of funds.

10 VI. And be it enacted, That no Member of the said Corporation shall, in his private or individual capacity, be liable for any debts or obligation of the Corporation. Non-liability of members.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be incumbent on the said Corporation to submit annually to each of the three branches of the Legislature during the first fifteen days of each Session thereof, a detailed statement shewing all the real or immoveable property held by them, with the estimated value thereof, and the revenue derived therefrom. Statements to be submitted to Parliament.

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VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, Public Act.