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No. 173.

2de. Session, 3e. Parlement, 12 Victoria, 1849.

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An Act to amend certain Acts of the
Parliament of Upper Canada for the
relief of Religious Societies.

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173.

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An Act to amend certain Acts of the Parliament of Upper Canada for the relief of Religious Societies.

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal so much of the Act passed in the Parliament of Upper Canada in the ninth year of the Reign of King George the Fourth, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned*, as limits the quantity of land to be held under the provisions of the said Act and also under those of the Act passed in the Parliament of Canada in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intitled, *An Act to extend the provisions of two certain Acts of the Parliament of the Province of Upper Canada to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated*, to five acres of land,—and to extend the quantity so to be held to ten acres of land and also to extend the time for the Registry of Deeds heretofore executed under the provisions of the said Acts, but which the Trustees have neglected to register : Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

U. C. 99. 4. c. 2.

Canada 8 Vict. c. 15.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That so much of the said first in part recited Act as limits the quantity of land to be held by Religious Societies in Upper Canada to five acres, be, and the same is hereby repealed ; and that the said Religious Societies may, under the provisions of either of the said Acts, hold for the purposes therein mentioned ten acres of land, in the same manner as they might heretofore have held five acres.

Religious Societies may hold ten acres instead of five.

II. And be it enacted, That all deeds heretofore executed for any of the uses, interests

Time for registering deeds extended.

or purposes of either of the said Acts shall be as valid and effectual if the same be registered within twelve months after the passing of this Act, as if they had been registered within the time limited by either of the before in part recited Acts, except in so far as they may be affected by the prior registration of other deeds or instruments relating to the same lands. 5

Recital.

Trustees may alienate such property when it can be done with advantage to the Trust.

Effect of the receipts of Trustees for the purchase money.

III. And whereas under the said Acts divers Religious Societies or Congregations have by their Trustees acquired lands which from circumstances have become inappropriate to the purposes for which they were acquired, and it would be for the advantage of such Societies or Congregations that their Trustees should be enabled to dispose of any such lands and acquire others better adapted for their purposes: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees for the time being, of each of the Religious Societies or Congregations to which the said Acts are applicable, and the said Trustees of each respective Society or congregation are, as such Trustees, hereby authorized from time to time upon the express consent of the Conference, Synod or body having the direction of the temporal affairs of such Societies or congregations respectively, first had therefor, by deed under their hand and seal of office, (which seal each body of Trustees is hereby empowered to have and make, and from time to time to alter) to lease, mortgage, sell and convey or exchange such of the lands and tenements held or to be held by any of the said respective Trustees, in such portions and in such manner as from time to time may be deemed by the Trustees thereof necessary and useful for the purposes connected with the particular Trust; subject nevertheless to the consent of such Conference, Synod or body as aforesaid: and the receipt of the Trustees for the purchase money in any such deed mentioned shall be an absolute discharge to the purchaser, who shall be in no way bound to see to the application of the same, or of any part thereof. 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45