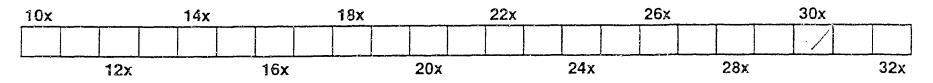
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WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature Preamble. of this Province, that certain Ministers and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in connexion with the British Wesleyan Conference, have estab-

- 5 lished themselves together under a constitution intituled, "The Doctrines and Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist "Church in Canada," and certain other rules and regulations, creating and establishing "The Missionary Society "of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," and
- 10 "The Book and Printing Establishments," and "The "Contingent Fund," and "The Annuitant Fund Society," and "The Superannuated or worn-out Preachers' Fund," and "The Chapel Relief Fund;" and have contributed or engaged to contribute considerable sums of money, and
- 15 have given or granted, or promised to give or grant, lands or real estate for the following objects, that is to say :--
 - First. For the support and enlargement of Missions among the Indians, and in the new and destitute settlements of the country and elsewhere.
- 20 Secondly. For the publication and circulation of periodicals and books for the diffusion of useful knowledge.

Thirdly. For making up the deficiency of new and feeble Circuits, and to assist the Ministers in time of personal and family afflictions, and to pay various connexion-25 al expenses.

Fourthly. For the support of aged and infirm Ministers, and the widows and children of deceased Ministers.

Fifthly. For the building of places of worship and for the relief of Churches in distressed and embarrassed cir-30 cumstances.

And whereas it would tend to promote the purposes of said Association that it should be incorporated and empowered to hold property in mortmain without letters of license, and to manage, administer, alienate, or dispose of 35 the same for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and to make and enforce rules and regulations for the government of said Association, and for better attaining the purposes aforesaid :---Be it therefore enacted, &c. Certain perzons incorporated.

Corporate

Property vested in the

Power to alienate, &c.

Corporation.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Conference of the Ministers of the said Church. as described in a certain Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter 37, and intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Upper Canada Aca-5 " demy under the name and style of Victoria College," and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, according to the existing Constitution, Rules and Regulations thereof, and their successors to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided, and such other per- 10 sons as shall from time to time hereafter be elected to be members of said Association, to be also elected in the manner hereinafter provided, shall be, and are hereby declared to be a Body Oorporate and Politic, in name and in deed, by the name of "The Connexional Society 15 " of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada."

II. And be it enacted, That all lands, messuages, tenements, hereditaments or immoveable property, as a foresaid, and all sums of money, goods, chattels, effects or moveable property, which have been, or shall hereafter be paid, 20 given, granted, purchased, appropriated, devised or bequeathed in any manner or way whatsoever, to, for, or in favor of said Corporation, and for the uses and purposes aforesaid, shall, and the same are hereby vested in the said Corporation, to and for the uses aforesaid, in such 25 manner and form, and subject to such By-laws and Regulations as may be made and passed by the said Corporation, concerning the same, in the manner hereinafter provided : and that the said Corporation, or the Central Board, or such other Executive or Managing Committee thereof, 30 as shall from time to time be apppointed and authorized for this purpose, by the By-laws, Bules or Regulations which may be made and passed in the manner hereinafter mentioned, for the government of said Corporation, shall have power and authority to alienate or exchange, and to 35 demise, let and lease for any term of years, such messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and immoveable property as shall be so, as aforesaid, given, granted, purchased appropriated, devised, or bequeathed to the said Corporation, for all or any of the purposes aforesaid, and to have, 40 receive, and take the purchase money, consideration, or price, rents, issues, or profits thereof: Provided always, that the said Corporation, or Central Board thereof, or such other Executive or Managing Committee, as aforesaid, shall have, receive, take, hold such purchase money, 45 consideration or price, rents, issues or profits, for the uses and purposes hereinbefore mentioned and set forth, or some or one of them, and for no other.

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Meetings of the Corporation. III. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall and may, from time to time, hold assemblies and 50 meetings of the said Corporation, which shall be called together in such manner, and at such times and places

as shall be directed and appointed by the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the same, and to transact the business of the said Corporation, and shall and may, at any such meeting elect such persons to be members of the said

5 Corporation as they, or the major part of them present, shall think fit : Provided always, that no act done in such Proviso. assembly or meeting of the said Corporation shall be valid or effectual unless six persons of such Corporation, at least, shall be present, and the major part of them consenting 10 thereto.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation, or Constitution, the major part of those who shall be present, at any meet- may be framed ing of the said Corporation, to be held in the manner for the Corpoaforesaid, shall and may make and ordain any Constitu- ration.

- 15 tion, By-laws, Rules and Regulations, whatsoever, which to them, or the major part of them then present, not being fewer in number than six, as aforesaid, shall seem meet, reasonable or requisite, touching and concerning the wellordering and governing of the affairs and business of the
- 20 said Corporation, and the due administering and improving the property thereof, as aforesaid, and such Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations, in like manner, from time to time, to abrogate, repeal, change, or alter, as may be found expedient; which Constitution, By-laws,
- 25 Rules and Regulations, shall be binding upon and shall be observed, performed and kept by the members of the said Corporation : Provided always, that the same shall Proviso. not be repugnant or contrary to the aforesaid purposes of such Corporation or to the Laws in force in this Pro-
- 30 vince : Provided also, that no such Constitution, By-law, Proviso. Rule or Regulation, nor any abrogation, repeal, change, or alteration of the same, shall be of any force or effect until it shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the said Conference of the said Wesleyan Methodist Church
- 35 in Canada.

V. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained Act not to shall affect, or be construed to affect, in any manner or Majesty, &c. way, the rights of Her Majesty, her heirs, or successors, or of any person or persons, or of any Body Politic or 40 Corporate, such only excepted as are hereinbefore mentioned and provided for.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Pub-Public Act. lic Act.

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