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An Act to Incorporate the First and Second
Congregations of Hinchinbrooke, in
connection with the United Presbyterian
Church of North America.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

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An Act to Incorporate the First and Second Congregations of Hinchinbrooke, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

HEREAS the Trustees of the First and Second Congregations of Preamble.

5 the Township of Hinchinbrooke, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church of North America, have, by their petition, represented that for upwards of two years, two Congregations of Christians have existed in the said Township, under the name of the First and Second Congregations in the Township of Hinchinbrooke, of the United Presbyterian Church of North America; that they have acquired a glebe for the use of their Minister, and have also erected three churches and
10 a parsonage house, and having incurred debts in so doing, they are desirous of borrowing money thereon, and disposing, if necessary, of a part of the said property, for the purpose of liquidating their said debt; and the said Trustees, the better to enable them so to do, have prayed that the said Congregations may be Incorporated, and be invested with the usual corporate powers, and it is expedient to grant their prayer; there-
15 fore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

1. William Henry Gibson, Thomas W. Broadfoot, William M. Watson, William Erskine, William Lindsay, James McCrackin, Thomas Lane, William Henderson, Joseph Anderson, Robert Farquhar, and all other
20 persons who now are, or may hereafter become, members of the said congregations, shall be, and they are hereby, constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The First and Second Congregations of the Township of Hinchinbrooke, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church of North America," and under that name may acquire, by
25 any title whatsoever, any lands or tenements, real and personal property, for the actual use and benefit of the said congregation, and may sell and alienate any property so acquired, and apply the proceeds thereof for the use of the said Congregations, and may mortgage any such land and tenement for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of churches or other buildings, or to liquidate any debt heretofore incurred for that
30 purpose, provided that such sale or mortgage be approved of by a majority of the Joint Board hereinafter mentioned, and may make such By-laws, Rules and Regulations, not contrary to the laws of this Province, the provisions of this Act, or the principles or usages of the said denomination of the United Presbyterian Church of North America,
35 as may appear to the said Corporation necessary or expedient for the interests thereof, and may from time to time amend or repeal the same, or make others in their stead.

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

2. On the _____ day of _____, in each year, a meeting shall be held of the male members of each of the Congre-
40 gations respectively, for the election, by a majority of the votes of the members present, of three trustees, and for the transaction of the necessary business of the congregation. Annual meetings of Congregations.

Duties of Trustees.

3. The three trustees so elected shall form a committee for the administration of the secular affairs of their respective congregations, for the leasing of the pews and sittings in their respective churches, and for receiving the monies arising therefrom, and the other revenues of the congregation, and may recover the same in the name of the Corporation. 5
They shall continue as heretofore to manage the property, real and personal, belonging to their respective congregations, and retain all powers with regard to the same which they have heretofore enjoyed, subject always to the by-laws and regulations of the Corporation.

Joint Board, its powers and duties.

4. The said trustees for the two congregations together shall form 10 a joint Board for the transaction of the general business of the Corporation, and for the management of the joint property of the congregations, and they shall make an annual report thereon to the Corporation at a general meeting thereof, to be held annually on the _____ day of _____, to receive the same, and for the transaction of all 15 business appertaining to the general management and interests of the corporation.

Solemnization of Marriage, &c.

5. From and after the passing of this Act, the provisions of chapter twenty of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting marriages, baptisms and burials, shall apply to the congregations incorporated by this Act, and the ministers thereof may validly solemnize 20 marriages, and may obtain and keep registers under the said Act, subject to the requirements, penalties and provisions thereof.

Corporation may unite with another denomination.

6. The said corporation may, by a vote of not less than three-fourths of its male members, pass a resolution declaring the connexion of the 25 said corporation with the United Presbyterian Church of North America terminated, and that they have connected themselves with any other branch of the Presbyterian denomination, and any such change shall be valid, and shall not affect their rights or powers under this Act, and they shall have power in such case to change their corporate name. 30

Public Act.

7. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.