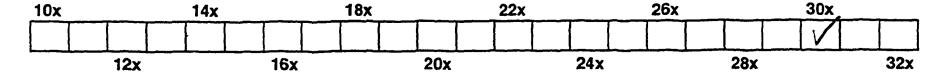
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THEREAS it has been represented to the Legisla- Preamble. ture of this Province, that certain Ministers and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in connexion with the British Wesleyan Conference, have 5 established themselves together 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 Mission-"ary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 10 " Canada," and " The Book and Printing Establishments," and " The Contingent Fund," and " The Annuitant Fund "Society," and "The Superannuated or worn-out Preach-"ers' Fund," and " The Chapel Relief. Fund;" and have contributed, or engaged to contribute, considerable sums 15 of money, and 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 settle-20 ments of the country and elsewhere.

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 25 personal and family afflictions, and to pay various connexional 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 30 the relief of Churches in distressed and embarrassed circumstances.

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

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Certain persons incorporated.

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-"demy under the name and style of Victoria College," namely:—the Rev. Enoch Wood, President of the Conference; the Reverend John Ryerson, County Delegate; the Reverend James Musgrove, Secretary of the Conference; the Reverend Anson Green, Book 10 Steward; the Reverend James Spencer, Editor; the Reverend Egerton Ryerson, D. D., President of Victoria College; the Reverend Henry Wilkinson; and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, according to the existing constitution, rules 15 and regulations thereof, and their successors to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided, and such other persons as shall from time to time hereafter be elected to be. members of the said Association, to be also elected in the manner hereinaster provided, shall be and are hereby 20 declared to be a body corporate and politic in name and in deed, by the name of "The Connexional Society of the "Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada."

II. And be it enacted, That all lands, messuages,

tenements, hereditaments or immovable property as 25

aforesaid, and all sums of money, debts, goods, chattels, effects or movable property, which have been, or shall hereaster be paid, given, granted, purchased, appropriated, devised or bequeathed in any manner or way whatsoever, to, for or in favor of the said Corporation, and for 30 the uses and purposes aforesaid, shall be, and the same are

Corporate name.

Property vested in the Corporation.

Power to alienate, &c. hereby vested in the said Corporation to and for the uses aforesaid, in such 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 man- 35 ner hereinaster provided; and that the said Corporation or the Central Board, or such other Executive or Managing Committee thereof as shall from time to time be appointed and authorised for this purpose by the by-laws, rules or regulations which may be made and 40 passed in the manner hereinaster mentioned, for the government of the said Corporation, shall have power and authority to alienate or exchange, and to demise, let and lease for any term of years, such messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and immovable property as shall 45 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, receive and take the purchase money, consideration or price, rents, issues or profits thereof: Provided always, 50 that the said Corporation or Central Board thereof, or

such other Executive or Managing Committee, as aforesaid, shall have, receive, take, and hold such purchase

Proviso: Application of money, 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.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation Moetings of 5 shall and may, from time to time, hold assemblies and the Corporameetings 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 10 the said Corporation, and shall and may, at any such meeting elect such persons to be members of the said' 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, 15 at least, shall be present, and the major part of them consenting thereto.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation, or Constitution,

the major part of those who shall be present at any by-laws &c., meeting of the said Corporation, to be held in the man- for the Corpo-20 ner aforesaid, shall and may make and ordain any Constitution, 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 well-25 ordering and governing of the affairs and business of the 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 30 be found expedient, which constitution, by-laws, 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 35 such Corporation or to the laws in force in this Province: regulation, nor any abrogation, repeal, change or .altera-

Provided also, that no such constitution, by-law, rule or Proviso. tion of the same, shall be of any force or effect until it shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the said

40 Conference of the said Wesleyan Methodist Church 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, 45 or of any person or persons, or of any body politic or corporate, such only excepted as are hereinbefore mentioned and provided for.

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