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An Act to incorporate the Benevolent
Societies of the Wesleyan Methodist
Church in Canada.

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

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 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 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 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.,

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 intitled, "*An Act to incorporate the Upper Canada Academy 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 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 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 hereinafter provided, shall be and are hereby 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.*"

Corporate name.

Property vested in the Corporation.

II. And be it enacted, That all lands, messuages, tenements, hereditaments or immovable property as aforesaid, and all sums of money, debts, goods, chattels, effects or movable property, which have been, or shall hereafter 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 the uses and purposes aforesaid, shall be, and the same are 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 manner hereinafter 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 passed in the manner hereinafter 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 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, 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

Power to alienate, &c.

Proviso: Application of monies.

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 Meetings of the Corporation.
5 shall and may, from time to time, hold assemblies and 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
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
assembly or meeting of the said Corporation shall be Proviso.
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 the major part of those who shall be present at any meeting of the said Corporation, to be held in the man-
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
not be repugnant or contrary to the aforesaid purposes of Proviso.
35 such Corporation or to the laws in force in this Province : Provided also, that no such constitution, by-law, 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
40 Conference of the said Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

V. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall affect, or be construed to affect, in any manner or 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. Act not to affect Her Majesty, &c.

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