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An Act to incorporate *The Upper Canada  
Religious Tract and Book Society.*

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An Act to incorporate *The Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*

**W**HEREAS an Association has been formed in Upper Canada, Preamble.  
 by certain persons therein anxious for the moral and religious  
 improvement of the people thereof, under the name of "*The*  
 "*Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*," for the  
 5 purpose of disseminating throughout Upper Canada religious  
 Tracts and Books at the lowest possible prices, and gratuitously  
 to such as have not the means of paying therefor; And whereas  
 the persons hereinafter named, Office-bearers and Members  
 of the said Society, and acting in behalf thereof, have, by their  
 10 Petition to the Legislature, represented that the benefits derivable  
 from the said Association would not only be secured, but much  
 enhanced by the incorporation of the Members thereof, and have  
 prayed that they may be so incorporated; And whereas it is  
 expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners, subject  
 15 to the provisions and enactments hereinafter contained; Be it  
 therefore enacted, &c.,

That there shall be and there is hereby constituted and Certain persons incor-  
 established in the City of Toronto, in that part of the Province porated.  
 called Upper Canada, a body politic and corporate, of Canada  
 20 under the name of "*The Upper Canada Religious Tract and* Corporate  
 "*Book Society*," which said Corporation shall consist of The name and  
 Reverend James Richardson, The Reverend Henry J. Grasett, powers.  
 A. M., Peter Freeland, John McMurrich, William McMaster,  
 Andrew T. McCord, James S. Howard, John Rains, Thomas  
 25 Clarkson, Richard Yates, William Osborne, John Laidlaw, and all  
 others who now are or may hereafter become Members the Cor-  
 poration under the By-laws thereof, so long as they shall continue  
 Members thereof according to the said By-laws, and shall have  
 perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to change,  
 30 alter, break and renew the same when and as often as they shall  
 think proper; and the said Corporation may, under the corporate  
 name aforesaid, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued,  
 implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted, in all  
 places and Courts in this Province, according to the laws thereof;  
 35 and shall have power to take under any legal title whatsoever, and Property  
 to hold for the use and purposes of the said Corporation, without

any further authorization, all property, real or personal, of what nature or kind soever, which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation, or to sell, alien, convey, let or lease the same, if need be, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; Provided always, that the net rents, issues and profits arising from the real property and territorial acquisitions of the said Corporation shall not at any time exceed the annual sum of £1000 of lawful money of Canada. 5

Proviso: value of real property limited.

Corporation may hold land in other Counties, for agencies, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation to have, hold, take, possess and enjoy by any legal title whatsoever, and to hold the same for the uses of the said Corporation in other and different Counties of Upper Canada, for the use of such Corporation or such agencies or auxiliaries thereof as may, according to the By-laws of the Corporation, from time to time be established or as are now established in such Counties, all land or property, real or personal, which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation for such agency or auxiliary as aforesaid; Provided always, that the net rents and profits arising from any real property held by the said Corporation for the purposes contemplated by this Section in any one County of Upper Canada, shall not at any time exceed the annual sum of £100 of lawful money of Canada. 10 15 20

Proviso: amount of real property limited.

General Meetings how called and held: Their powers.

III. And be it enacted, That any time after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any ten Members of the said Corporation, by a notice to be published in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto, to call a General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation, to be held at some certain place in the said City to be named in such notice, on a day and at an hour to be also named therein, and at such meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the majority of the Members present, the whole number present not being less than twenty-five, (except for the purpose of choosing a Chairman and adjourning, for which any number shall suffice,) shall have power to make such and so many By-laws (not being contrary to the Laws of this Province or to this Act) as they shall deem useful or necessary, as well concerning the admission of Members as the conditions upon which any person shall remain a Member of the said Corporation, and for the general conduct and government thereof, and of any agency or auxiliary thereof, and for the superintendence, advantage and improvement of all the property, real or personal, belonging to, or which shall hereafter belong to the said Corporation, and for appointing such Directors, officers or body, for managing the affairs of the said Corporation, and investing them with such powers, and giving them such tenure of office, as to the majority of Members at such meeting shall seem expedient, and also to regulate the mode in which General Meet- 25 30 35 40 45

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ings of the Corporation shall be called and held, and may, at any subsequent General Meeting to be so called and held, amend or repeal the said By-laws or any of them.

IV. And be it enacted, That the property now held by, in trust for, or to the use of *The Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*, shall be and is hereby vested in the Corporation hereby constituted, for the uses and purposes thereof. Certain property vested in the Corporation.

V. And be it enacted, That all the property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation, as well as the revenue arising therefrom, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the purposes mentioned in the Preamble to this Act, and to no other object. To what purposes only property shall be applied.

VI. And be it enacted, That no Member of the said Corporation shall in his private or individual capacity be liable for any debts or obligations of the Corporation. Non-liability of Members.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be incumbent on the said Corporation to submit annually to each of the three branches of the Legislature, during the first fifteen days of each Session thereof, a detailed statement, shewing all the real or immoveable property held by them, with the estimated value thereof, and the revenue derived therefrom. Annual Return to Parliament.

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