

Wednesday in
June, when
Trustees are to be
appointed.

hours of twelve of the clock at noon, and three of the clock in the afternoon, an election shall be made, to be determined by a majority of persons so being pew-holders or male communicants, and entitled to vote, present at such meeting, of any number of persons not exceeding nine, nor less than five, being proprietors of Pews, to be the Trustees of the said Church, for the purposes aforesaid, who shall forthwith, on the completion of such election, enter upon the duties of their office, and continue in the same for one year, or until other fit persons shall be chosen in their stead; provided that no person shall have more than one vote, although he may be proprietor of more than one Pew, and that if a Pew or Pews be owned by more than one person jointly or in common, there shall be but one vote given in respect of the said Pew or Pews so owned jointly or in common; and provided also, that no person shall be eligible to be elected a Trustee unless he be at the time of being so elected, a proprietor or owner of a Pew, and a male communicant of the said Church.

Nomination of the
Minister to be in
the Trustees,
choice or rejection
in the Congrega-
tion.

IV. And be it enacted, That in case of any vacancy in the Ministry or the expiration of any agreement made or to be made with any Minister for the said Church, the call or nomination of any candidate or candidates for the Pastoral charge of the said Church shall be in the Elders and Trustees if such candidate or candidates shall be in British America, and the choice or rejection of such candidate or candidates shall be in the congregation, being male communicants, and including the said Elders and Trustees, or a majority of them present in person, or by their agent or proxy for that purpose appointed in writing; and if it shall be found necessary to call a Minister from any part of Great Britain or Ireland; then the arrangements for that purpose shall be solely vested in the Elders and Trustees of the said Church: Provided always, that in either case, the Minister to be called shall be duly licenced by a Presbytery in Great Britain or Ireland, or British North America, who hold and subscribe the Westminster Standards, and Second Book of Discipline, as at present recognized and adopted by the Established Church of Scotland, or the Code of Discipline at present used by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; and provided also, that such Minister or Licentiate shall, when required so to do, furnish any Presbytery in this Province, within the bounds of his intended labours, with satisfactory certificates of his literary status and moral character before being allowed to connect himself with such Presbytery.

When necessary
to call a Minister
from Great Britain
or Ireland, the
arrangement shall
be vested in the
Elders and
Trustees.

V. And be it enacted, That the Ministers, Elders and Deacons, and other Officers of the said Church, shall be elected, chosen and appointed, and have, hold, exercise and enjoy their respective offices according to the usages and customs of the Presbyterian Churches in Scotland and Ireland, except so far as the same may be altered or abridged by this Act.

Minister, &c. to
hold office as in the
Presbyterian
Churches in Scot-
land and Ireland.

Corporation held
liable for any
engagement made
by former Trustees,
&c. for the
Minister's stipend,
&c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees of the Saint John Presbyterian Church hereby incorporated, shall be held both at law and in equity bound for any engagement made by any former Trustees or other persons belonging to the said Church for the Minister's stipend, and such other expenses as may have been found necessary, and the same shall be paid by the said Corporation so as to relieve the said Trustees or other persons of the burthen of such engagement, and if the amount thereof shall happen to exceed the yearly income of the said Church and Corporation, the same shall be a burthen on the said Church and Corporation as such, and shall not make the said Trustees responsible in their individual and private capacity.

Trustees of
Churches erected
or to be erected in
connexion with the
Saint John Presby-
terian Church in
New Brunswick,
incorporated.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Trustees in the several and respective Churches already erected within this Province, and also of all Churches which may hereafter be erected in connexion with the Saint John Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick, shall, when elected, chosen and appointed in manner and form as directed in and by this Act, be bodies politic and corporate in deed and name, and shall have succession for ever, by the name of the Trustees of the several and respective Churches to which they respectively belong; and this Act, and every clause, direction, authority and power in the same contained, shall extend and be in force for all such Churches, in the same manner as if the said clauses, directions and authorities were particularly re-enacted and applied to such Churches respectively, and all lands, tenements and hereditaments conveyed or to be conveyed to and for the benefit of such Churches, shall be vested in the said several and respective Corporations, as fully and absolutely to all intents and purposes as the Lands and Church mentioned in the second section of this Act are hereby vested in the said Trustees of the Saint John Presbyterian Church in the City of Saint John, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick, not in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or affect, or be construed to extend to or affect any Church, Lands or Tenements already vested in or belonging to any Corporation in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland.