

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows :—

1. That S. H. Hitchings, William Todd, N. Lindsay, Nehemiah Marks, Timothy Crocker, A. H. Thompson, Daniel Harman, F. H. Todd, Z. Chipman, Daniel Sullivan, Samuel G. Stevens, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Saint Stephen Rural Cemetery," and by that name shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly now or hereafter to be in force in this Province, for the purpose of procuring and maintaining a Cemetery or Burial Ground in the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte.

2. The capital stock of the said Corporation shall consist of the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, and shall be divided into one thousand shares, to be paid in such sums and at such times as the Directors of such Corporation shall from time to time appoint.

3. The first meeting of the said Corporation shall be called by the Town Clerk of the Parish of Saint Stephen, or in case of his death, neglect, or refusal, by any two of the said Company, by giving ten days notice of the time and place of such meeting.

4. The land purchased and held by the said Corporation for the purposes herein expressed, is hereby declared to be exempted from all rates, assessments, and taxes, so long as the same shall remain dedicated to the purposes of a Cemetery.

5. If any person or persons shall wilfully destroy, mutilate, injure, or remove any tomb, monument, grave stone, or other structure placed in the Cemetery aforesaid, or any fence, railing, or other work for the protection or ornament of any tomb, monument, grave stone, or other structure aforesaid, or shall wilfully destroy, remove, cut, break, or injure any tree, shrub, or plant, within the limits of the said Cemetery, or shall play at any game or sport, or shall discharge any gun or fire-arm save at a military funeral, within the said Cemetery, or who shall wilfully and unlawfully disturb any persons assembled in the said Cemetery for the purpose of burying any body therein, or who shall commit any nuisance within the said Cemetery, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, be punished by a fine of not less than one pound or more than five pounds, or be committed to the common gaol for the space of not more than thirty days, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence; and such offender shall be liable to an action of trespass to be brought against him in any Court of competent jurisdiction, in the name of the Corporation, to pay all such damages as shall be occasioned by his or their unlawful act or acts, which money when recovered shall be applied by the Corporation to the reparation of the property destroyed or injured as above, and members of the Corporation shall be competent witnesses in such suits.

6. The lots in the said Cemetery, and the land enclosed but not laid out in lots, shall not be levied upon or taken in execution, but shall be altogether free from seizure, and the property in the same or any part thereof shall not prevent any confined debtor from receiving support under the Law for the relief and support of confined debtors.

CAP. XXIX.

An Act for the incorporation of certain Congregational Churches in this Province.

Section.

1. Corporation erected with general powers.
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Section.

5. Authority to Trustees to manage affairs.
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Passed 12th April 1856.

WHEREAS certain persons are associated in Churches constituting a religious community holding the principles of the Congregational Union of England and Wales: And whereas sundry Chapels and other Buildings have been erected, and lands purchased or otherwise conveyed or held in trust for the use of such Churches, in several Counties of this Province, or for educational or other benevolent objects in connexion therewith, and inconveniences have been experienced in managing the same by Trustees without being incorporated for that purpose ;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows :—

1. Every Board of Trustees of any Chapel or Seminary for education, and land and buildings held therewith, or of land held for the purpose of erecting any Chapel or Seminary thereon, for the use and benefit of any Congregational Church holding the principles of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, to be hereafter chosen for any such purpose, and their successors, shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Congregational Chapel," or other property, as the case may be, in the place in which the trust property may be situate, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, power to sue and be sued, a common seal renewable at pleasure, power to hold and receive real and personal estate, and improve, let, sell, or assign the same, or any part thereof, or any interest in or arising out of the same, and make bye laws and exercise such other powers as are conferred by law for the purpose of managing the temporal affairs of the said Chapel or other property, for the benefit of the Church to which the same may belong, or the educational or other objects to which it may be devoted.

2. All Chapels or other property as aforesaid held in trust as aforesaid in any part of this Province, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, whenever a Board of Trustees to manage the same shall be elected as hereinafter mentioned, and a conveyance thereof shall be made to the Corporation by the existing Trustees, or other party conveying the same; and the said Corporation shall then hold the same for the purposes aforesaid with as good a title, legal and equitable, as such Trustees had at the time of conveyance.

3. Every such Church, together with the congregation regularly attending and contributing to its funds, by pew-rents or otherwise, may annually at such time and in such manner as each Church shall prescribe by the male members present at any meeting for that purpose, elect any number of Trustees not less than three nor more than nine, from among the male members of the said Church or congregation, or both, who shall continue in office for one year or until others are elected in their stead.

4. Every meeting of the Church or Church and congregation, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall be called by notice to be given by the Pastor or Minister presiding over the same, or if there be none, by any Deacon thereof, at any usual meeting of the Church for worship or business.