

tributors to an amount of not less than ten shillings per annum to the stipend of the Minister of the respective Congregations, which contribution may be by payment of pew rent, and duly enrolled in its Record Book of such names, and not in arrears, shall be holden in the said Churches respectively; at which meeting between the hours of noon and three of the clock in the afternoon, an election shall be made, to be determined by a majority of such male persons present so being notified as aforesaid and entitled to vote, of persons not exceeding seven, nor less than three, 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 and qualified persons shall be chosen in their stead; provided always, that no person shall be eligible to be elected a Trustee unless he be at the time of election a qualified voter and an adherent of said Church for which Trustees are to be elected.

5. When any Congregation in connection with the Synod aforesaid shall elect Trustees under the provisions of this Act, the Trustees as a Corporation shall be known and recognized by the name of the Trustees of such named Church owned by such Congregation; and when no designation shall have been previously given to a Church, the electors at their meeting for the choice of Trustees, shall first by a majority of votes give a name to such Church; and in all cases the name by which the Church is known or may be designated as aforesaid, and by which the Corporation is recognized, shall be enrolled in a Congregational Book, in which the proceedings of the Congregation and of the Trustees shall all be recorded; and the said book, or an extract from the same, shall be evidence in all Courts of Law or other places within this Province that all proceedings therein contained were rightly had and done, and of the matters therein contained; and any Church or Churches which may be hereafter erected in said Province, or conveyed, or made over to any Congregation in connection with the said Synod, shall in like manner be named and enrolled as aforesaid; and the Trustees of said respective Churches, when so named and enrolled as aforesaid, and also the Trustees of the Churches already named and properly enrolled as aforesaid, shall, when elected, chosen, and appointed in manner and form as in this Act directed, be bodies politic and corporate in deed and name as aforesaid respectively, and shall have succession for ever, by the name of the Trustees of the so named Church by which they are respectively elected; and all lands, tenements, and hereditaments owned by or which may be hereafter conveyed to and for the benefit of any of the said several Congregations, shall be and they are hereby declared to be vested fully and absolutely for the uses and purposes of such Congregations aforesaid in their said several and respective Corporations; provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or affect, or be construed to extend to or affect any Church, or lands, or tenements, or other property real or personal, conveyed to, or vested in, or belonging to or held for the use of any Corporation in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, or any other Church or Church Corporation.

6. The conveyance of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, may be made as occasion may require by the Trustees or the majority of them in whom the title to any such lands, tenements, hereditaments or buildings may be vested for the use and in trust for any Congregation so belonging or adhering to the Synod aforesaid, or by the person or persons in whom the legal title to the same may be vested, to the Trustees elected under this Act by their corporate name, their associates and successors, who shall hold the same to and for the sole use and benefit of their respective Congregations as fully as by the original deed.

7. The Trustees respectively of the several and respective Churches incorporated or to be incorporated under this Act, when elected as aforesaid, shall be held in law and equity bound for any engagement made by any former Trustees (or other persons) belonging to said Churches respectively, for the Minister's stipend and such other expenses as may have been legally incurred, and the same to be paid by the said Corporation so as to relieve the said former Trustees (or other persons) of the burthen of such engagements; and if the amount thereof shall exceed the yearly income of the said respective 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.

8. Every Board of Trustees incorporated under this Act, shall exercise their rights, powers, and privileges in accordance with the form, discipline, and government of the Synod aforesaid, and according to the usage and rules of the said Synod, as by them may be prescribed, consistent with the terms of this Act, and not repugnant to law: Three Trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

9. The seventh section of an Act intituled *An Act to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in the Province not in connection with the Established Church of Scotland*, passed in the tenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, is hereby repealed; provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to interfere with the rights of any Congregation which may have come under the provisions of the said recited Act, but the same shall be and continue to be a body politic and corporate in all respects under the said recited Act as if this Act had not passed, unless the said Congregation shall have come under the provisions of this Act, in which case the property, real, and personal of such Congregation, shall be vested in and pass to the Trustees elected under the authority of this Act by such Congregation so coming under the provisions of this Act, for the use and benefit of the same; provided also, that nothing in this Act shall extend to interfere with the vested rights or ownership, legal or equitable, of any person or persons in or to any pew or pews in any Church or Churches previously to the passing of this Act, but the right of such person or persons shall remain as before the passing of this Act.

10. The annual revenue of the lands, tenements and hereditaments owned by any one of said Congregations shall not exceed the sum of one thousand pounds.