

4. Immediately upon the election of Assessors as hereinbefore provided, and after they have been sworn into office, the said Assessors shall give public notice of their appointment in one or more of the public newspapers printed within the said Town or County of Charlotte, or by public notice in writing, a copy of which shall be posted up in a conspicuous place in each Ward; and any inhabitant or person owning property in the said Town may at any time within fifteen days after the date of said notice give into said Assessors, or any one of them, a statement of his property and income in the manner prescribed by the Act relating to the government of Counties, Towns, and Parishes; and the Assessors, if such statement be attested before a Justice of the Peace or the Mayor, who are severally hereby authorized to administer such oath, shall estimate and assess the property and income of such person at the amount mentioned in such statement, and no more; and the Assessors, at the expiration of the fifteen days as aforesaid, shall proceed to assess and raise the sum or sums ordered to be assessed for all County and Town rates and taxes in the following manner, that is to say:—Of the whole amount ordered to be raised, one-eighth thereof by an equal poll tax upon all male inhabitants of said Town twenty one years of age and upwards, and not in indigent circumstances, and the remaining seven-eighths upon the real estate situate within the said Town of both residents and non-residents; and upon the personal estate and the income (not derived from real or personal estate) of all the inhabitants thereof, and shall file with the Town Clerk a roll or list of such assessment, to be prepared in such form as the Council may determine, within fifteen days after the expiration of said fifteen days' notice; provided nothing in this amendment shall interfere with the Common Schools Acts or any poll tax required to be levied thereunder.

CAP. XLVIII.

An Act concerning the Congregations of Churches connected with the Church of Scotland in this Province.

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1 Property of Churches, &c. how held and used.	4 Fee simple of property, to whom passed.
2 After union, Deed of Trust, &c. to Church, to be for benefit of such Church.	5 What conveyances shall be deemed valid.
3 After union, when new Trustees may be elected.	6 Rights of pew-holders confirmed.
	7 Act not to repeal provisions of former Acts.

Passed 10th April, 1875.

WHEREAS negotiations have been entered into between the Churches known as The Canada Presbyterian Church, The Presbyterian Church in Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and The Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland, to effect a Union under the title of "The Presbyterian Church of Canada," and the terms of said Union have been finally assented to by the Supreme Courts of those Churches respectively; and whereas it is advisable before the Union of the negotiating Churches is consummated, to protect the property and rights of the congregations connected with the Church of Scotland in this Province who may enter into such Union;—

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

1. All property, real or personal, now belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of any congregation heretofore and

now connected with the Church of Scotland, whether the same shall have been organized under the Revised Statutes, or under Deeds of Trust, or under Acts of Incorporation, or as Union, or as Joint Stock Churches, or otherwise howsoever, shall continue, on and after the consummation of said union, to be possessed and held by, and shall be used for the benefit of the same congregation to the same extent as heretofore, after it shall have entered into such union.

2. Where in any Act of Incorporation or Deed of Trust, or Conveyance operating as such, or in any Will, any congregation connected with the Church of Scotland is mentioned or intended to be benefited, such Act, Deed of Trust, or Conveyance, or Will, shall be understood and construed as referring to the same congregation or church so soon as it shall have entered into connection or communion with the said united body.

3. Where in the Act of Incorporation or Deed of Trust of any congregation or church heretofore connected with the Church of Scotland, or in any conveyance in the nature of a Trust, or in any Will, no provision has been made for the filling up from time to time of trusteeships vacant by death, removal from the Province, incapacity to act, or resignation of the Trustees, such congregation or church, so soon as the same shall be in connection or communion with the said united body, may at any regular meeting held in accordance with their Act of Incorporation, or Deed of Trust, by a majority of those present and entitled to vote, elect and appoint new Trustees in place of such Trustees as shall have removed from the Province, become incapable to act, resigned, or died, or shall have ceased to be adherents of the said united body; and such newly appointed Trustees and their successors so to be appointed, shall have full power and authority to hold and administer the trust or corporate property of such congregation.

4. Conveyances heretofore made of any lands or real estate, with a view to the erection of any church, or any school in connexion with the church, or of any manse or parsonage thereon, and whereon such church, school-house, manse or parsonage shall have been erected, and be now or at any time hereafter owned by any congregation in connection with the said united body, shall be held, notwithstanding any want of form therein, to pass the fee simple in such land to the Trustees of such Church duly appointed under any Deed or Will, or under any Statute of this Province, or under this Act.

5. Conveyances of any lands or real estate heretofore made to Trustees, or to Trustees and their successors, for the use of any congregation or any church now or hereafter to be in connexion or communion with the said united body, shall be deemed valid conveyances in fee simple, notwithstanding that the heirs of the Trustees are not named, and notwithstanding that the manner of appointing successors is not provided in such conveyancing, or in any Will devising such lands.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall abridge or take away the rights or privileges of any pew-holder, or any other person or persons whomsoever, without just compensation being first made to such person or persons, to be ascertained, in case of disagreement, by arbitrators to be mutually chosen.

7. This Act shall not be construed so as in anywise to repeal, alter, affect or vary any of the provisions in any special Act or Charter of Incorporation, or Deed of Trust, refer-