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**An Act to incorporate the Trustees of Saint John's Church, Chatham, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. Passed 26th March 1856.**

Section.

1. Trustees incorporated with general powers.
2. Estate vested in the Trustees.

Section.

3. Annual meeting for election of Trustees.
4. Trustees of other Churches in the same connexion incorporated.

Whereas the Members of Saint John's Church, Chatham, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, being desirous that the Trustees in whom certain property is vested for the use of the said Church, should be incorporated in order that they may more effectually hold the same for the purposes for which the same was originally designed;—

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

1. The following persons, namely, John Alexander, John M'Ewen, John M'Rae, Daniel M'Laughlin, Peter Gray, William J. Fraser, James M. Wolhaupter, William A. Letson, and John Urquhart, be and they are hereby declared to be the Trustees for the said Church, until the election and appointment of not more than nine other Trustees as hereinafter directed; and the above named Trustees, and the said Trustees and their successors to be chosen and appointed in manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be a body politic and corporate, in deed and in name, and have succession for ever by the name of "The Trustees of Saint John's Church, Chatham, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia," and by that name shall be enabled to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all Courts and places whatsoever within this Province, and shall have full power and capacity to purchase, receive, take, hold, and enjoy, for the exclusive use and benefit of the said Church, as well goods and chattels, as lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and improve and use the same for the benefit of the said Church, and also to hold the same according to the true intent and meaning of the donors when such property shall be given, devised, or bequeathed to the said Trustees to the use and benefit of the said Church; provided always, that the amount of annual rents, profits, and receipts of such property, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

2. All estate, real and personal, of what nature or kind soever, at present vested in the present Trustees of the said Church, shall be on the passing of this Act fully and absolutely vested and remain in the Trustees hereinbefore named and their successors for ever, for the exclusive use, trust, and benefit aforesaid, saving the rights of such present Trustees and of Her Majesty, and other persons, bodies corporate and politic, or other claims or rights whatsoever.

3. On the third Wednesday of January in each year for ever hereafter, a meeting of the persons then being proprietors of pews, seat-renters, or male communicants, shall be holden in the said Church; at which meeting, between the hours of twelve of the clock noon and three of the clock in the afternoon, an election shall be made to be determined by a majority of such pew-holders, seat-renters, and male communicants then present, of not less than three nor more than nine persons being pew-holders, seat-renters, or communicants, to be Trustees of the said Church, who shall forthwith on the completion of such election enter upon the duties of their office, and continue in the same until other fit persons shall be elected in manner aforesaid.

4. The Trustees in their several and respective Churches already erected within this Province, and also of all Churches which may be hereafter erected in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the Trustees of which are hereby incorporated, shall when elected in manner and form as directed by this Act be bodies politic and corporate in deed and in name, and have succession for ever by the name of the Trustees of the several and respective Churches to which they belong; and then this Act, and every direction and authority herein contained, shall extend and be in force in all such Churches in the same manner as if the same direction and authority were particularly re-enacted and applied to such Churches respectively.