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**An Act to incorporate the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Passed 23rd April 1862.**

Section.

1. Union incorporated.

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2. First meeting, when and where held.

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

1. That the Reverend George Stirling, the Reverend James Howell, the Reverend George Ritchie, the Reverend George A. Rawson, Reverend T. B. Smith, T. B. C. Burpee, T. B. Barker, John Burton, F. H. Hilton, Hiram Freeman, and such other persons as shall from time to time become members of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, according to the constitution, bye laws, rules and regulations thereof, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, in name and in deed, by the name of 'The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,' and by the same name shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of the General Assembly in this Province; and shall have power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts in this Province; and shall by the same name have perpetual succession, and a common seal, which common seal they may from time to time alter, renew or change at pleasure; and shall and may by the name aforesaid, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable in law to have, hold, purchase, acquire, possess and enjoy for religious, educational or missionary purposes, or for aiding and sustaining poor or weak Churches or Congregations in connexion with the Congregational Body of Christians in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, any lands, tenements or hereditaments within the Province of New Brunswick, and the same real estate, or any pan thereof, for the purposes aforesaid, from time to time, under and according to any bye law by the said Corporation to be made and adopted as is hereinafter provided, and according to the desire of the donors of such real estate, as expressed in the conveyance or conveyances of the same to the said Corporation, to let or demise by indenture under the seal of the said Corporation, at an agreed reserved rent, or to sell and dispose of the same, in fee simple or otherwise, for such consideration as they may deem expedient, but for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and for none other, or to exchange any such lands for other lands; provided always, nevertheless, that the estimated value of the lands, tenements and hereditaments so to be held by the said Corporation in this Province, shall not at any time exceed the sum of five thousand pounds.

2. The said Corporation shall hold its first general meeting on the second Friday in September next after the passing of this Act, at the Congregational Meeting House in the Parish of Sheffield, in the County of Sunbury, in this Province; and at such general meeting shall and may elect a Chairman pro tem, and by a majority of votes may elect such officers for the due management of

the affairs of the said Corporation, and ordain and appoint the times and places for holding future general meetings, and make and ordain such bye laws, rules and regulations for the government of the said Corporation in all respects whatsoever as to the said Corporation at such general meeting may appear advisable and expedient, subject nevertheless to be altered and amended at any subsequent general meeting; such bye laws, rules and regulations to be entered at length in a Book of Record, to be deposited with and placed in charge of such officer of the said Corporation as such general meeting may nominate and appoint; all which bye laws, rules and regulations from time to time, and as occasion may require, but only at a general meeting duly convened, may be rescinded, abrogated, repealed, altered, extended or amended in the manner by such bye laws, rules and regulations to be directed; provided always, that no bye law, rule or regulation of the said Corporation shall be in any manner repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of this Province; and provided also, that the officers to be appointed at the said first general meeting, or at any subsequent general meeting of the said Corporation, shall continue in office until others shall be appointed and chosen in their stead, in the manner to be by the bye laws, rules and regulations of the said Corporation from time to time ordained.