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**An Act to incorporate certain Societies of persons called and known by the name of Disciples of Christ, or Christians, in the City of Saint John, and elsewhere. Passed 17th June 1867.**

Section.

1. Trustees of Church in Saint John incorporated.
2. Property held by Trustees to be conveyed to Corporation.

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3. How vacancies filled up.
4. Quorum for business.
5. Trustees of other Societies may be incorporated.

Whereas certain persons associated together in the City of Saint John as a Church or Religious Society, called and known as Disciples of Christ, or Christians, are desirous of being incorporated;—

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

1. That William Hewitt, James Wilson, Milton Barnes, Henry Robertson, Jacob T. Barnes, James E. Barnes, and George T. Purvis, of the said City of Saint John, the present Trustees of the said Church, and their successors, (to be chosen and appointed as hereinafter enacted,) shall be and they are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate in deed and in name, and shall have succession for ever by the name of "The Trustees of the Church called Disciples of Christ, or Christians, in the City of Saint John," and by that name are empowered to have and use a common seal, to sue and be sued, to receive, purchase and hold grants or conveyances of both real and personal estate for the use and benefit of the said Church, and to enjoy, improve, lease, sell, assign, or exchange the same, or any part thereof, for the purposes of the said Church, and to make such bye laws and regulations as may be deemed necessary and right from time to time for the management of the property and affairs of the said Church, with all other rights and powers incident to a Corporation; provided only, that the whole amount of property to be held at any one time by the said Corporation shall not exceed forty thousand dollars.

2. All the property and estate, real and personal, of what nature or kind soever, and wheresover, now vested in and held by the present Trustees of the said Church or Society, may by them be conveyed to the said Corporation hereby created, for the use of the said Church or Society, in fee simple, to them and their successors, for ever, upon the same trusts and conditions, and with as good right and title as now held by or vested in such present Trustees.

3. In case of the death, resignation or disability of any of the said Trustees hereby incorporated, or of their successors, the vacancy or vacancies thereby made shall be filled up as follows, that is to say, it shall be lawful for the members of the said Church or Society ordinarily attending their present place of worship, or any other in lieu thereof, or the majority present at any meeting of the said members duly called on fourteen days notice thereof being given on any Lord's Day by the Pastor, or one of the Elders or Overseers of the said Church, during the time of worship, from time to time to nominate and appoint a Trustee to serve in the room of each and any Trustee whose place may be vacant as aforesaid.

4. Whenever the said Trustees hereby incorporated shall be duly notified to meet for the purposes of the said Church, a majority of those present, provided there be not less than four, shall be competent to do or sanction any act or deed which the whole might do or sanction if present.

5. It shall be lawful for any other Society or Association of persons in this Province, belonging to the same community of christians, to elect any number of Trustees, not exceeding seven in the whole, in such manner as each Society or Association may from time to time decide upon, for the purpose of holding, receiving, maintaining or enjoying any real or personal estate for the uses and benefit of any such Church or Society, and of managing its affairs; and such Trustees, when so elected, and their successors respectively, shall form and be a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Church called Disciples of Christ, or Christians, in" [name of locality in which Church exists,] and shall have and enjoy perpetual succession, and all other the rights and privileges hereby granted to the said Trustees of the Church called Christians, or Disciples of Christ, in City of Saint John.