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**An Act to facilitate the recovery of sums due for Rent of Pews in St. Patrick's Church,
Quebec. 10th August, 1850.**

Whereas the Reverend Patrick McMahon, Chaplain of St. Patrick's Church, in the City of Quebec, and other the members of the Committee of Management thereof, have by petition represented that they have been subject to inconvenience and difficulty in enforcing the payment of pew rents, and have prayed that more ample powers be given them in that behalf: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Management to sue for and recover, under the name of The Saint Patrick's Church, and without naming the members of the said Committee, or any of them, in all Courts of Justice within this Province, all and every the sum and sums of money now due and owing or payable, or hereafter to become due and owing or payable from any person or persons whomsoever, for the use and occupation of any pew or pews or of any seat or seats in any pew or pews in the said Church, by any such person or persons, by himself or his family, for hearing and attending therein divine service performed in the said Church; or for the rent of any pew or pews or of any seat or seats in any pew in the said Church; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it enacted, That in any suit or action to be brought under this Act at the instance of the Committee of Management aforesaid in the name of The Saint Patrick's Church, it shall not be necessary to set forth or to prove that the same is brought at the instance of the said Committee, or the election or appointment of the Members of the said Committee, or of any of them, but any such suit or action shall always be presumed to be brought by the Committee of Management for the time being, and the said Committee and every member thereof shall, as to such suit or action and every matter and thing thereunto relating, be held to have been duly elected or appointed, unless and until the contrary be expressly alleged and proved.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.