

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1850. Toronto: Stewart  
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**An Act to authorize the Trustees holding Land upon which Churches are erected in Upper  
Canada to mortgage the same to pay off the Debts due by such Churches. 10th August, 1850.**

Whereas it frequently happens that the Trustees who hold lands in a corporate capacity for the site of a Church, Meeting House or Chapel for some of the religious denominations in Upper Canada under various public and private Acts of Parliament, contract debts for the building, repairing and improving such Churches, Meeting Houses or Chapels, and may be desirous of mortgaging the land they may so hold to secure the payment of such debts; 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 whenever any debt shall have been or may hereafter be contracted, for the building, repairing, extending or improving of any Church, Meeting House or Chapel erected or to be erected upon lands held by Trustees or the benefit of any Religious Society in Upper Canada which by law may take land for such purpose, or for the purchase of the land on which the same is erected, the Trustees for the time being, or a majority of them, may from time to time, as may be necessary, obtain by way of loan or loans from any person or party whomsoever, such sum of money as shall be sufficient to discharge such debts or any part thereof, and may secure the repayment of such loan or loans and interest by mortgage upon the lands, Churches, Meeting Houses or Chapels which may be respectively held by them as aforesaid, upon such terms as may be agreed upon: Provided always, that the said Trustees or a majority of them may give such mortgage directly to any party to whom such debts may be owing.