

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1856. Quebec: Stewart Derbshire and George Desbarts, 1856.

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**An Act to amend an Ordinance of Lower Canada for the Relief of certain Religious Societies.
Assailed to 1st July, 1856.**

Whereas by an Ordinance of the Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter twenty-six, Congregations or Societies of Christians, of any denomination whatsoever, in Lower Canada, are enabled to hold ground, for the purposes and under the limitations therein specified, by the instrumentality of a Trustee or Trustees, to whom and to whose successors, (to be appointed in the manner set forth in the Deed of Grant, Concession or Conveyance) the lands necessary for such purposes may be conveyed; And whereas lands have been conveyed to Trustees on behalf of such Congregations or Societies in Lower Canada under the said Ordinance without the manner of appointing successors to such Trustees being set forth in the Deeds of Grant, Concession or Conveyance of such lands, as required by the said Ordinance, and it is expedient to provide a remedy for such omission: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. It shall be lawful for any Congregation or Society of Christians of any denomination, on whose behalf lands in Lower Canada are now held under the said Ordinance by a Trustee or Trustees without the manner of appointing successors being set forth in the Deed of Grant, Concession or Conveyance of such lands, at any time within one year after the passing of this Act to assemble in a public meeting, duly convened by notice in writing signed by at least five members of such Congregation or Society, and affixed to the door of their Church or place of Worship, and at such meeting, by the votes of a majority of the adult male members of such Congregation or Society, then and there present, to determine and declare in what manner the successors to such Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed.
- II. A record of the proceedings of the meeting shall be made out in writing and signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, and shall thereafter be deposited of record among the archives of the Congregation or Society, and a copy of such record, certified to be a true copy by such Chairman or Secretary, on oath before a Justice of the Peace, shall be deposited, by *acte de dépôt*, in the usual manner, in the office of a Public Notary, whose copies thereof shall thenceforth be *primâ facie* evidence of the contents thereof.
- III. Such determination shall in every such case have the same effect as a clause in the Deed of Grant, Concession or Conveyance of the lands to which it relates setting forth the manner of appointing Successors to the Trustee or Trustees therein named would have, and no more.