



## CHAPTER 56.

### An Act to create the Roman Catholic Bishop of Vancouver Island and his Successors in Office, a Corporation Sole.

[23rd April, 1892.]

**W**HEREAS a petition has been presented by the Right Reverend Preamble.  
John Nicholas Lemmens, the present Roman Catholic Bishop of Vancouver Island, praying that the said Roman Catholic Bishop and his successors in office be created a Corporation Sole :

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioner :

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows :—

1. The said John Nicholas Lemmens, the present Roman Catholic Incorporation.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Vancouver Island is, and he and his successors in office duly nominated and appointed as such Bishop according to the usages and rights of the Roman Catholic Church, shall be a Corporation Sole, with perpetual succession, under the name and style of "The Bishop of Vancouver Island," with power to acquire and hold lands; and all lands, real estate, tenements and hereditaments heretofore granted, conveyed, or devised to, or which are now vested in, the said John Nicholas Lemmens, or which hereafter shall be granted, conveyed or devised to "The Bishop of Vancouver Island," shall be vested in the said Corporation Sole, subject to any trust affecting the same, with power, subject to all existing trusts, to sell, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise deal with the same, or any part thereof.

Vacancy.

**2.** Upon a vacancy happening in the office of "The Bishop of Vancouver Island," the person who shall for the time being be appointed, according to the usages and rites of the Roman Catholic Church, to administer the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church in Vancouver Island, shall have entire control over the rents, issues, and profits of the real and personal property of the said Corporation, until the nomination and appointment of another Bishop, in manner named in section one of this Act.

Short title.

**3.** This Act may be cited as the "Bishop of Vancouver Island Incorporation Act."

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