



CHAPTER 49.

An Act to Incorporate Columbian Methodist College.

[12th April, 1893.]

WHEREAS the Reverend J. H. White, the Reverend J. F. Betts, the Reverend Joseph Hall, the Reverend Robert R. Maitland, LL B., the Reverend Ebenezer Robson, James Cunningham, David H. Wilson, M.D., and Edward Odlum, M.A., B.Sc., have by their petition represented that an educational institution has been for some time, and is now, in operation in this Province in connection with and under the authority of the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church :

And whereas it would tend to advance and extend the usefulness of the said institution and promote the purposes for which it has been established that it should be incorporated :

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 Reverend J. H. White, Reverend Robert R. Maitland, Reverend Ebenezer Robson, Reverend C. M. Tate, Reverend Coverdale Watson, Reverend Joseph Hall, Reverend Thomas Crosby, Reverend S. J. Thompson, Reverend A. E. Green, Reverend J. F. Betts, Reverend H. E. Bayley, B.A., T. R. Pearson, Esquire, W. J. Dowler, B.A., G. R. Ashwell, Esquire, D. Spencer, Esquire, A. E. Rand, Esquire, James Cunningham, Esquire, David H. Wilson, M.D., J. Jessop, Esquire, Edward Odlum, M.A., B.Sc., Robert W. Harris, B.A., J. Kirkland Esquire, and such other persons as from time to time may hereafter be appointed Directors (as hereinafter provided) by the British Columbia

Conference of the Methodist Church, or under its direction, shall be and are hereby constituted and established a body politic and corporate, under the name of "Columbian Methodist College," for the education of youth and the promotion of knowledge.

Powers of "Columbian Methodist College."

2. The Corporation shall, by the name of "Columbian Methodist College," have a perpetual succession and shall have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break and renew the same, when and so often as they shall think proper, and the said Corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted, in all Courts and places whatsoever in this Province, and by such name may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, and may have, take and receive, for them and their successors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, and real and immovable property and estate within this Province necessary for actual use and occupation as College buildings and offices, residences of professors, tutors, students and officers, with gardens or pleasure grounds pertaining thereto, and the same may sell, mortgage, alienate, and dispose of, and others in their stead, purchase, acquire and hold, for the uses and purposes aforesaid.

To hold lands for College purposes.

And dispose of same.

Power to acquire and dispose of other real estate.

3. The said Corporation may, by the name aforesaid, acquire any other real estate or interest therein by gift, purchase, devise, or bequest, and the same may sell, mortgage, alienate and dispose of, and the proceeds thereof, if not required for current expenses, may be invested in the public securities of the Dominion of Canada or of this Province, or such other securities as may from time to time be approved of by the Board of Directors for the use of the said Corporation.

Management of affairs.

4. The affairs of the said Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than twenty-two and not more than thirty members, twelve of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and not less than three-fourths shall be members of the Methodist Church, the said Reverend J. H. White, Reverend Robert R. Maitland, Reverend Ebenezer Robson, Reverend C. M. Tate, Reverend Coverdale Watson, Reverend Joseph Hall, Reverend Thomas Crosby, Reverend S. J. Thompson, Reverend A. E. Green, Reverend J. F. Betts, Reverend H. E. Bayley, B.A., T. R. Pearson, Esquire, W. J. Dowler, B.A., G. R. Ashwell, Esquire, D. Spencer, Esquire, A. E. Rand, Esquire, James Cunningham, Esquire, David H. Wilson, M.D., J. Jessop, Esquire, Edward Odium, M.A., B.Sc., Robert W. Harris, B.A., J. Kirkland, Esquire, shall constitute the first Board of Directors, who shall continue in office until their successors are appointed, as hereinafter provided.

5. The power of appointing and removing Directors, of appointing and removing professors, tutors, and officers, is hereby vested in the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church: Provided always, that the said Conference may by resolution or by-law delegate the power of appointing or removing professors, tutors or officers to such persons and in such manner as it shall deem proper; and provided also, that if any vacancy shall at any time happen among the said Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, or removal, such vacancy may be filled by the remaining Directors or a majority of them, and any person so chosen as Director shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

Appointment and removal of Directors and Professors, &c.

6. The Board of Directors shall have the whole management, in manner hereinafter provided, of the financial affairs of the said Corporation, shall receive and disburse all its moneys, control and keep and manage all its property and transact all business relating to property and money committed to its care by the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church or otherwise, and shall observe and obey the orders and instructions of the said Conference. They shall choose from their number a President and Secretary, who shall, during their term of office, be the custodians of the corporate seal of the College, and when such seal is used the same shall be authenticated by the signatures of the said President and Secretary, and all documents requiring the said seal shall be sufficiently executed if the seal be affixed and authenticated by the signatures aforesaid: Provided, however, that they shall not sell any lands or buildings occupied by said College without the consent of the said Conference.

Management of financial affairs.

President and Secretary.

7. The British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church may, from time to time, make rules and by-laws for the government of the said Corporation and for the guidance of the said Board of Directors, and may alter, amend or annul the said rules or by-laws from time to time: Provided, always, that such rules or by-laws be not contrary to this Act or repugnant to the laws of this Province.

Rules and by-laws

8. The said Board of Directors shall be subject to such regulations and restrictions as now exist or may hereafter be imposed upon them by resolution of the said Conference.

Board of Directors to be subject to regulations.

9. The names of all persons appointed and removed by the said Conference by virtue of section 5 of this Act, and all the said rules and by-laws, shall be entered in a book kept by the said Board of Directors for that purpose and signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference at which the same is adopted, and a copy of such names, rules or by-laws, certified under the hand of the Secretary of the said Board of Directors, shall be admitted and received as evidence of the due appointment or removal of such persons as aforesaid, and of the facts therein stated, and of the said rules and by-laws, and of the

Appointments of Directors and Professors, &c., to be entered in book to be kept by Board.

contents thereof, in any Court of this Province and for all purposes, without proof of the signature of the Secretary of the said Board of Directors.

Courses of studies
and degrees.

10. The said College may at any future time make provision, as part of the proper work thereof, for the education of students in theology, under the authority and according to the principles and standards of the Methodist Church, and shall have power to make provision for prescribing courses of study and for conferring degrees in the same: Provided, also, that any resolution or by-law passed by the said British Columbia Conference, in pursuance of the power conferred by this section, shall declare the theological doctrine and principles which shall be taught in the said College, or what are the books or documents in which the said principles or doctrines are contained, and such declarations shall be irrevocable in so far as the College shall be concerned, and shall be held at all times thereafter to contain the theological doctrines and principles to be taught in the said College.

Property and claims
vested in the Cor-
poration.

11. All and every the estate and property, real and personal, held by any person or persons as trustees for or on behalf of the said educational institution mentioned in the preamble of this Act, and all debts, claims and rights whatsoever due to any person or persons for the purposes of the said institution, shall be and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby established, and all debts due by and all claims against any person or persons on behalf of the said institution shall be paid, satisfied and discharged by the said Corporation.

Present rules and
regulations.

12. All existing rules and regulations for the government of the said educational institution shall be the rules and regulations (unless altered or changed by the Board of Directors) for the government of the Corporation hereby established until the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church shall pass rules and by-laws for the government thereof and for the guidance of the Board of Directors, as hereinbefore provided.

Powers vested in
Conference may be
transferred to "Gen-
eral Conference."

13. All or any of the rights or powers vested in the said Conference by virtue of this Act may, with the consent and approval of the said Board of Directors, by resolution of the said Conference at its regular annual meeting, be transferred to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, upon such terms and conditions as may be assented to or sanctioned by the said General Conference. After such transfer shall have been effected, the words "General Conference" shall be read wherever the words "British Columbia Conference" appear in this Act.

Short title.

14. This Act may be cited as the "Columbian Methodist College Act, 1893."