



CHAPTER 67.

An Act to Incorporate Westminster Hall.

[12th March, 1909.]

WHEREAS, Mr. G. F. Gibson and others have, by their petition, Preamble.
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 General Assembly of the Presbyterian
Church in Canada; 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, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts
as follows:—

1. Mr. G. F. Gibson, and such persons as may from time to time Incorporation.
be appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
in Canada, within the limits of British Columbia, shall be and are
hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by and under the
name of “Westminster Hall.”

2. The said corporation shall, by the name of Westminster Hall, Power to hold real property.
have perpetual succession, and a common seal, and by such name
may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, acquire, hold,
possess and enjoy, and may have, take and receive for them and their
successors, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, and real and
immovable property and estate within the Province necessary for
actual use and occupation as college buildings and offices, residences

for the professors, tutors, students and officers, with gardens or pleasure grounds pertaining thereto, and the same may sell, alienate, and dispose of, and others in their stead purchase, acquire, and hold for the uses and purposes aforesaid.

Borrowing powers.

3. Westminster Hall shall have and is hereby given full power and authority to borrow any sum or sums of money upon the security of any lands, tenements or hereditaments purchased or held by the said college, and to mortgage all or any such lands, tenements or hereditaments to any person or persons for securing any sum or sums of money so borrowed, or for securing any portion of the purchase money of any such lands, tenements or hereditaments.

Investment of funds

4. The said Westminster Hall shall have full power and authority to invest all or any sums of money of or belonging to the said college, or given or bequeathed to it, in any bonds or securities of the Dominion or of any Province thereof, or of Great Britain and Ireland, or of any foreign state, or in any debentures of any of the municipalities of this Province, and also to loan and invest any such moneys upon the security of any real or personal property, and the said Westminster Hall may, under its corporate name or in the name of any person or persons as trustee or trustees, take and hold any real or personal property, or any interest therein by way of mortgage to secure any such investment.

Board of Management.

5. The affairs of the said Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Management consisting of sixty members and Mr. G. F. Gibson; Principal J. McKay, D.D.; R. J. Wilson; Dr. H. W. Fraser; A. J. MacGillivray; J. Knox Wright; Dr. T. Wardlaw Taylor; J. S. Henderson; J. A. Logan, Eburne; J. M. Millar, Nanaimo; Dr. A. S. Grant, Toronto; G. A. Wilson, Vancouver; D. Campbell, Armstrong; W. L. Clay, Victoria; Dr. J. Campbell, Victoria; W. A. Wyllie, Kamloops; J. T. Ferguson, Nelson; Logie Macdonnell, B.A., Vernon; J. W. Woodside, Vancouver; J. D. Gillam, North Vancouver; J. S. Gordon and D. MacRae, Victoria, Ministers; and Capt. J. J. Logan, Messrs. R. G. MacPherson, M.P.; Dr. Wm. Stephen; G. W. Grant; R. P. McLennan; Robt. McNair; Dr. A. P. Proctor; J. A. Thomson; S. T. McBride; Jas. Menzies; S. DesBrisay; Dr. W. B. McKechnie; Lemuel Robertson; Principal Geo. Robinson; Principal Wm. Burns; T. A. Brough, B.A.; Justice Morrison; R. A. Mather, Vancouver; Thornton Fell, R. B. McMicking, R. P. Rithet, Superintendent Robinson, James Forman, Victoria; J. D. Swanson, Kamloops; J. B. Kennedy, M.P., Warden J. C. Brown, New Westminster; Judge Forin, Nelson; Maxwell Smith, Central Park; F. McCleery, Eburne; John McKee, Ladners; L. C. Taylor, Nanaimo; shall constitute the first Board of Management, and shall continue to hold office until their successors are appointed as hereinafter mentioned.

6. The Board of Management shall be appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in such manner as the said General Assembly may from time to time by rule or by-law appoint.

Appointment of Board.

7. The Board of Management shall have the whole management of the financial affairs of the said Corporation, shall receive and disburse all its money, control, keep and manage all its property, and transact all business relating to property and money committed to its care by the General Assembly or otherwise, and shall at all times and in all things observe and obey the orders and instructions of the said General Assembly.

Powers of Board.

8. The professors in the said college, together with eighteen members of the Board of Management nominated by the said Board annually for that purpose, shall constitute the Senate of the said college, to whom shall be entrusted the reception, academical superintendence and discipline of the students and of all other persons within the said college.

Constitution of Senate.

9. The power of appointing and removing professors in the said college shall be and the same is hereby vested in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Provided always, that the said General Assembly may by rule or by-law delegate to the Board of Management the power of appointing and removing professors under such restrictions and regulations as the said General Assembly may from time to time deem expedient.

Appointment of professors.

10. The said General Assembly may from time to time make rules or by-laws for the government of the said Corporation and for the guidance of the said Board of Management, and may alter, amend and 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 or by-laws.

11. The said rules and by-laws shall be entered in a book kept for such purpose and signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly at which the same are adopted or passed, and by the Clerk or Clerks thereof, and such book shall be deposited among the records of the said General Assembly.

Rules or by-laws.

12. A copy of the said rules or by-laws certified under the hand of the Clerk or one of the Clerks (if more than one) of the said General Assembly shall be admitted and received as evidence of the said rules or by-laws, and of the contents thereof, in any Court of this Province, and for all purposes, without proof of the signatures of the said Clerk.

Certified copy to be evidence.

Power to confer degrees.

13. The Senate of the said Westminster Hall shall have power to confer the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity, subject to such regulations and examinations as may be imposed by the said Senate, as well as to confer the honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

By-laws as to conferring of.

14. The said Senate shall have power to make by-laws touching any matter or thing pertaining to the conditions on which the said Degrees of Bachelor of Divinity, and Doctor of Divinity, may be conferred, whether the said degrees be such as are granted in course or by examination, or such as are honorary, or whether they be conferred on matriculants of the said Westminster Hall, or other persons, and such by-laws to amend when the said senate shall see fit.

Property now held by trustees vested in corporation.

15. 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, discharged and satisfied by the said Corporation.

Existing rules and regulations to be binding until new ones passed.

16. All existing rules and regulations for the government of the said educational institution shall be the rules and regulations for the government of the Corporation hereby established until the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada shall pass rules and by-laws for the government thereof, and for the guidance of the Board of Management as hereinbefore provided.

Short title.

17. This Act may be cited as the "Westminster Hall Act, 1909."

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