



CHAPTER 55.

An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia.

[10th March, 1910.]

WHEREAS in the year of our Lord 1879 the original Diocese of Preamble.
Columbia was divided by the Archbishop of Canterbury and
the authorities of the Church of England in British Columbia into
three dioceses, namely: The Diocese of Columbia, the Diocese of
New Westminster, and the Diocese of Caledonia:

And whereas in the Letters Commendatory signed and sealed on
the eighteenth day of August, A. D. 1879, by the Archbishop of
Canterbury, and countersigned by the Bishop of Columbia, the
boundaries of the Diocese of Caledonia are defined and described
as follows:—

North—The Northern Boundary of the Civil Province of British
Columbia, namely: From the boundary separating British Colum-
bia from Alaska along the sixtieth parallel of North Latitude to
the one hundred and twentieth parallel of West Longitude:

East—Down the one hundred and twentieth parallel of West
Longitude to the fifty-fourth parallel of North Latitude, being the
eastern boundary of the Civil Province of British Columbia:

South—Along the fifty-fourth parallel of North Latitude to the
point where it intersects the Fraser River; along the right bank of
the said river to Fort George, up Stuart River to the junction with
the Nechaco River; along Nechaco River up to the watershed
separating the headwaters of the said river from those of Salmon
River; down the Salmon River to Dean's Canal; along the said
canal to entrance of same:

West—From the entrance of Dean's Canal northwards to the sixtieth parallel of North Latitude, being the western boundary of the Civil Province of British Columbia, inclusive of Queen Charlotte Islands and all other islands usually included in the said Province on such boundary line:

And whereas a petition has been presented from the Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia praying that it may be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

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

Corporate name.
Members of the
Synod.

1. The Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia shall be, and the same is hereby, made and constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia" (hereinafter called "the said Synod").

Synod,
Members of.

2. The said Synod shall consist of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and his successors to be from time to time appointed in such manner as shall be provided by the said Synod, and of such other persons as are or may hereafter become members thereof, according to the constitution and canons of the said Synod.

General powers.

3. The said Synod shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to change and renew the same when and so often as they shall think proper, and the said Synod may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded with, answer and defend in all Courts and places whatsoever, and the said Synod shall be able and capable in law respectively to purchase, take, hold, give, receive, enjoy, possess, and retain all messuages, lands, tenements, and immovable property, money, goods, chattels, and movable property which have been or hereafter shall be paid, given, granted, appropriated, devised, or bequeathed to it, or purchased or acquired by it in any manner or way whatsoever to, for, or in favour of the eleemosynary, ecclesiastical, or educational uses and purposes within the Province of British Columbia of the Church of England, or otherwise, including thereby the uses and purposes of any church, parish, mission, institution, school, or hospital connected with the Church of England in British Columbia.

Powers as to land
and personality.

4. The said Synod shall, in addition to the powers conferred upon it by the next preceding section of this Act, have power to sell, convey, exchange, alienate, mortgage, lease, or demise, or otherwise deal with any real or personal estate or property held by the said Synod, whether simply by way of investment or not; and the said Synod may also from time to time invest all or any of its funds and

personal property which may be vested in or acquired by the said Synod for eleemosynary, ecclesiastical, or educational purposes, aforesaid, or otherwise, including the Episcopal Endowment Fund, in and upon any real securities in British Columbia, or in the public funds of the United Kingdom, of Canada, or any Province thereof, or in municipal bonds or debentures of any municipality within Canada, or in the bonds or debentures of any company, the payment whereof is guaranteed by Government, or in any security for the time being authorised by law for the investment of trust funds, and generally shall have and enjoy the same, and as large, full, and ample powers and rights as if it were a private person able and capable in law.

5. The said Synod shall, in case of land being held by it, be able, Roads. notwithstanding any trust affecting the same, to set apart a portion of such land for the purpose of making a road, or to make a free grant of a portion not exceeding one acre in extent, for the purpose of a church building, cemetery, school, hospital, or any public object, freed from any trust affecting the same as aforesaid.

6. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the Bishop of Caledonia, or any other corporation, or any person or persons, to transfer any property, real or personal, held in trust by him or them for the aforesaid eleemosynary, ecclesiastical, or educational uses of the Church of England, or the Church of England in British Columbia, to the said Synod, to be held in trust for the same purposes. Bishop of Caledonia may transfer lands, etc., to Synod.

7. The Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order of the Diocese of Caledonia, as revised in the year of our Lord 1909, shall, until the same be altered or amended, in accordance with such Constitution and Canons, by the Synod incorporated under this Act, be the Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order for the said Synod incorporated under this Act. Constitution of Synod.

8. The said Synod may exercise all its powers by and through Boards. such boards, committees, or officers as the said Synod may from time to time appoint for the management of all or any of the affairs or property of the said Synod, but in accordance only with the trusts relating to any property to which any special trust is attached.

9. The terms "the Church of England," or "the Church of England in British Columbia," or "the Anglican Church," in this Act, and in all deeds, instruments, and documents that have been heretofore or that may hereafter be executed, dealing with real or personal property within the Province of British Columbia, shall mean, unless a different construction is gathered from the deeds, Interpretation.

instruments, or documents, and so far as the same affect the Diocese of Caledonia or the said Synod, that portion of the Anglican Church within the Province of British Columbia.

Execution of deeds
and other
documents.

10. Any deed or document shall be deemed to be duly executed by the said Synod if the same has affixed thereto the seal of the said Synod, and the signatures of the Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of Caledonia or his Commissary duly appointed, and the Secretary for the time being.

Bishop of
Caledonia a
corporation sole.

11. The Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of Caledonia, duly elected or acknowledged by the said Synod, or otherwise duly appointed and consecrated by lawful authority Bishop of the Diocese of Caledonia, shall be a corporation sole with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of Caledonia, with full power to hold and acquire real and personal estate, and to sell, convey, lease, mortgage, deal with, or dispose of the same or any part thereof.

Execution of deeds
and other docu-
ments by the Cor-
poration of the
Bishop of
Caledonia.

12. Any conveyance of real estate or any interest therein vested in the Corporation of the Lord Bishop of Caledonia shall hereafter be deemed to be fully executed if the same has affixed thereto the seal of such Corporation verified by the signature of the Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of Caledonia, or his Commissary duly appointed, and all deeds and documents whatsoever, if executed in the same way, shall be deemed to be properly and effectually executed.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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