

CHAPTER 86.

An Act to incorporate "Union College of British Columbia."

[Assented to 7th March, 1927.]

W HEREAS the Corporation of Westminster Hall, incorporated chapter 67 of the Statutes of 1909, as amended by chapter 62 of the Statutes of 1912; the Corporation of Ryerson College, incorporated chapter 56 of the Statutes of 1912; and the Corporation of The Congregational College of British Columbia, incorporated chapter 87 of the Statutes of 1914, have by their petition represented that they desire to unite and amalgamate as one corporation, and to carry on thereunder as an educational institution in connection with and under the authority of the General Council of the United Church of Canada, and in affiliation with the University of British Columbia:

And whereas 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:—

- 1. The Corporations of Westminster Hall, Ryerson College, and Incorporation. The Congregational College of British Columbia shall be and are hereby united and amalgamated, and as so united and amalgamated shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by and under the name of "Union College of British Columbia" (hereafter called "the said Union College").
- 2. The said Union College shall affiliate with the University of Affiliation. British Columbia pursuant to the provisions of the "British Columbia University Act" in that behalf.

Power to hold real and personal property. 3. The said Union College shall by the name of "Union College of British Columbia" have perpetual succession and a common seal, and by such name may from time to time and at all times hereafter acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, and may hold, possess, and enjoy, real and personal property of every nature and kind situate either within or without the Province, and especially such lands, tenements, and hereditaments within the Province as may be necessary for actual use and occupation as college buildings and offices, residences for professors, tutors, students, and officers, with gardens or pleasure-grounds pertaining thereto, together with all libraries, furniture, and fixtures used in connection therewith; and the Corporation shall have, for the purposes and benefit of the college or colleges to be established and maintained hereunder, power to sell, lease, alienate, and dispose of any such property for such consideration as may be agreed on.

Property vested in Corporation.

4. All property, real and personal, belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of the Corporations of Westminster Hall, Ryerson College, and The Congregational College of British Columbia, or by any person or persons as trustees for or on behalf of or to the use of the above-named corporations or colleges and the said Union College, and all gifts, devises, conveyances, or transfers of any lands or tenements or interests therein, and all transfers, assignments, gifts, and beguests of personal estate made to or intended for the said corporations hereby amalgamated or the said colleges or any of them or of the said Union College, or to any person or persons in trust for or to the use of the said corporations or colleges or any of them or the said Union College, shall from and after the coming into force of this Act be vested in the said Union College, and all gifts, devises, conveyances, transfers, bequests, or assignments of any real or personal property or any right or interest therein hereafter made to or intended for the said corporations or colleges or any of them or to the said Union College, or made to or intended for any person or persons in trust for or to the use of said corporations or colleges or any of them or of the said Union College, shall upon the coming into effect of such gift, devise, conveyance, transfer, assignment, or bequest be vested in the said Union College, and pending completion of such gifts, devises, conveyances, transfers, bequests, or assignments the said Union College shall have the exclusive right to the benefit and use (in that behalf) of the names Westminster Hall, Ryerson College, and Congregational College of British Columbia, and where the name Westminster Hall, Ryerson College, or Congregational College of British Columbia is used in any such gift, devise, conveyance, transfer, bequest, or assignment the same shall be deemed to be intended for and shall vest in the said Union College. All debts, claims, rights, and choses in action due to or vested in

any person or persons for the benefit of or the purposes of the abovenamed corporations or colleges or any of them or of the said Union College shall be and are hereby vested in the said Union College, and all debts, liabilities, and obligations of the said corporations or colleges and each of them shall be assumed, paid, discharged, and satisfied by the said Union College.

- 5. The said Union College shall have and is hereby given full Borrowing powers. power and authority to borrow such sum or sums of money from time to time as may be necessary for its purposes, either with or without security, and shall have power and authority to mortgage or pledge any or all of its land, tenements, or hereditaments or any other of its property for securing any part of the purchase-money of any such lands, tenements, or hereditaments.
- 6. The said Union College shall have power for the purposes of the Power to alienate. said College to execute deeds, agreements, bills of sale, mortgages, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other like documents.
- 7. The said Union College shall have full power and authority to investment of invest all or any sum or 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 or Ireland, or in any debentures of any of the municipalities of the said Provinces, and also to lend and invest any such moneys upon the security of any real or personal property, and also to make any other investments which may by the laws of this Province be authorized for the investment of trust funds; and the said Union College 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.

8. The affairs of the said Union College shall be managed by a Management. Board of Governors consisting of not less than twenty-four and not more than thirty-six members, and the following shall constitute the first Board of Governors: Reverend Doctors W. H. Smith, J. G. Brown, W. J. Sipprell, W. G. Wilson, J. Carruthers, A. M. Sanford, S. S. Osterhout; Rev. A. F. Munro, Rev. J. F. Millar, Rev. A. Kerr, Rev. G. Dickie, Rev. S. H. Smith, Rev. G. H. Hamilton, Rev. W. L. Hall, Rev. W. Vance, Rev. A. K. McMinn; and W. H. Malkin, W. Kitchen, L. B. McLellan, R. W. Harris, C. Spencer, V. W. Odlum, J. Rogers, N. Spencer, J. W. Jones, D. S. Curtis, G. F. Gibson, L. S. Klinck, C. S. Maharg, W. H. Leckie, D. Symington, and H. W. Cribb; and the above-named persons shall continue to hold office until their successors are appointed as hereinafter provided.

Board of Governors.

9. The members of the Board of Governors in succession to the persons above named shall be appointed by the General Council of The United Church of Canada in such manner as the General Council may from time to time by rule or by law appoint: Provided always that one-half of the members so appointed shall be ministers of The United Church of Canada, and one-half of the members so appointed shall be laymen; and provided also that if any vacancy shall at any time occur among the said Governors by death, resignation, disqualification, or removal, such vacancy may be filled by the remaining Governors or a majority of them, and any person so chosen as Governor shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

Appointment of Board of Governors.

10. At the first meeting of the General Council after the incorporation the last sixteen persons above named as the first Board of Governors shall retire and cease to be Governors, and their successors in office shall be appointed for a term of four years—namely, until the second next regular meeting of the General Council after their appointment; and at the second regular meeting of the General Council after the incorporation the remaining persons shall retire, and their successors in office shall be appointed for a term of four years in like manner as above stated; and thereafter at each regular meeting of the General Council every second year there shall be appointed successors to the members whose term of office has then expired, for a term of four years as above stated. All retiring members shall be eligible for re-election and, notwithstanding their appointment for a term of four years, all members shall retain office until their successors are appointed.

Power of Board of Governors.

11. The Board of Governors shall have the whole management of the financial affairs of the Corporation, and 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 Council of The United Church of Canada or otherwise.

Appointment of officers.

- 12. (1.) The Board of Governors shall have power from time to time to appoint and, as they shall have occasion, to remove the principal or other head, the professors, tutors, and masters, and all other officers, agents, and servants of the said Union College; such appointments to be made in conformity with the then existing rules and by-laws of the General Council of The United Church of Canada in that behalf.
- (2.) The principal or other head of the said Union College shall be a minister in good standing of The United Church of Canada.

Corporate seal.

13. (1.) The Board of Governors shall elect from their number a chairman, secretary, and treasurer, who shall during their term of 352

office be 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 chairman, secretary, and treasurer, or by any two of them, and all documents requiring the said seal shall be sufficiently executed if the seal be affixed and authenticated by the signatures aforesaid.

- (2.) The Board of Governors shall also elect from their number a vice-chairman, who shall have power to act during the absence or disability of the chairman, and an assistant secretary, who shall have power to act during the absence or disability of the secretary.
- 14. The Board of Governors may delegate any of their powers to Executive Committee of Board. a committee of twelve members, consisting of such members of the Board of Governors as they may appoint, to be known as the "Executive Committee of the Board of Governors," and the committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated to it, conform to any rules or regulations that may be imposed upon it by the Board of Governors, with power to the Board of Governors to withdraw, amend, or curtail or enlarge all or any of the powers so delegated at any time.

15. The principal or other head of the College, the professors and senate. eighteen other persons elected by the Board of Governors for that purpose, shall constitute the Senate of the said College, and the members of the Senate, apart from the principal or other head of the College and the professors, shall (except at the first election) be elected for a term of three years, six being elected annually. the first election eighteen shall be elected, six for a term of one year, six for a term of two years, and six for a term of three years. The principal or other head of the College shall be the chairman of the Senate.

16. The Senate shall have power to prescribe the courses of study Powers of Senate. in any branch of learning deemed necessary to be pursued by the students attending said College, and also to provide instruction therein either in the College or by arrangement with the Provincial University, with which the College is affiliated; and shall have the management and supervision of such affairs of the College as shall from time to time be assigned them by the Board of Governors.

17. The Senate of the said College shall have power to provide for Powers to confer the granting of and to grant degrees in theology only, including honorary degrees and certificates of proficiency in theology as the Senate may decide.

18. The General Council of The United Church of Canada may Rules and by-laws. from time to time make rules and by-laws for the government of

the College and the guidance of the Board of Governors and Senate, and may alter, amend, and annul said rules or by-laws from time to time. None of the said rules or by-laws shall be contrary to this Act nor repugnant to the laws of this Province.

Records and minutes.

19. It shall be the duty of the Board of Governors to keep proper records and minutes of all their proceedings, and to keep proper books of account of the financial affairs of the College, and to present a report of the College, accompanied by a duly audited financial statement, annually to the Conference of The United Church of Canada in British Columbia and to the General Council of the United Church of Canada at its regular meetings.

Quorum.

20. A quorum of the Board of Governors and of the Senate shall be twelve members, or such other number of members as shall hereafter be determined by the Board and the Senate respectively.

Commencement.

- **21.** (1.) Section 4 shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation.
- (2.) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall come into operation on the tenth day of June, 1927.

Short title.

22. This Act may be cited as the "Union College of British Columbia Act."

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