



CHAPTER 56.

An Act to incorporate Ryerson College.

[27th February, 1912.]

WHEREAS Ernest W. Stapleford, Robert W. Harris, and James A. Harvey have by their petition represented that they desire to establish an educational institution in the Province of British Columbia in connection with and under the authority of the General Conference of the Methodist Church: Preamble

And whereas it is expedient that the said institution 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. Ernest W. Stapleford, Robert W. Harris, and James A. Harvey, and such persons as may from time to time be appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by and under the name of "Ryerson College." Incorporation.

2. The corporation shall, by the name of "Ryerson College," 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 estab- Power to hold real property

lished and maintained hereunder, power to sell, lease, alienate, and dispose of any such property for such consideration as may be agreed on.

Borrowing-powers.

3. The corporation shall have and is hereby given full 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 such sum or sums so borrowed, or for securing any part of the purchase money of any such lands, tenements, or hereditaments.

Power to alienate.

4. The corporation shall have power for the purposes of the corporation to execute deeds, agreements, bills of sale, mortgages, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other like documents.

Investment of funds.

5. The corporation shall have full power and authority to 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 this Province, and also to loan and invest any such moneys upon the security of any real or personal property; and the corporation 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.

Management.

6. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Governors consisting of not less than twenty four and not more than forty-two members, elected for a term of four years.

Appointment of Board of Governors.

7. The members of the Board of Governors shall be appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church, in such manner as the General Conference 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 Methodist Church, 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.

Power of Board.

8. 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 Conference of the Methodist Church or otherwise.

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9. (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 College. Appointment of officers.

(2.) The principal or other head of the said College shall be a minister in good standing in some branch of the Methodist Church.

10. (1.) The Board of Governors shall elect from their number a chairman and a secretary, who shall during their term of 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 and secretary, and all documents requiring the said seal shall be sufficiently executed if the seal be affixed and authenticated by the signatures aforesaid. Corporate seal

(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.

11. The principal or other head of the College, the professors, and twelve members of the Board of Governors, nominated by the said Board annually for that purpose, shall constitute the Senate of the said College, together with fifteen additional members, who shall (except at the first election) be elected for a term of three years, five being elected annually. At the first election fifteen shall be elected, five for a term of one year, five for a term of two years, and five for a term of three years. The principal or other head shall be chairman of the Senate. Senate.

12. The Senate shall have power to prescribe the courses of study 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 may be 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. Powers of Senate

13. The Senate of said College shall have power to confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and, subject to the requirements of the "British Columbia University Act," the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Power to confer degrees

14. The General Conference of the Methodist Church may from time to time make rules and by-laws for the government of the College and the guidance of the Board of Governors, and may alter, amend, and annul said rules or by-laws from time to time. None of said rules or by-laws shall be contrary to this Act nor repugnant to the laws of this Province. Rules and by laws.

Records and
minutes.

15. 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, to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in British Columbia and to the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

Quorum.

16. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Governors and twelve members shall constitute a quorum of the Senate, or such number as shall hereafter be determined by the Board and Senate respectively.

Property vested in
corporation.

17. 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 College, 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 and rights against any person or persons on behalf of the said institution shall be paid, discharged and satisfied by the said corporation.

Short title

18. This Act may be cited as the "Ryerson College Act, 1912."

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