

CHAPTER 214.

An Act to amend Chapter 122, Acts of 1890, entitled  
 An Act to amend Chapter 84 of the Acts of 1879,  
 entitled An Act to incorporate the Home Mis-  
 sion Board of the Baptist Convention of  
 Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and  
 Prince Edward Island; and to  
 enable United Baptist Churches  
 in this Province to become  
 incorporated; and to  
 repeal certain Acts  
 inconsistent  
 therewith.

(Passed the 16th day of April, A. D. 1908.)

SECTION.

- 1. Preamble.
- 2. Section 1 amended.
- 3. Trust Funds.
- 4. Property vested.
- 5. Power to incorporate churches.
- 6. Election of Trustees.

SECTION.

- 6. Notice of Meetings.
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- 8. May deal with property.
- 9. Churches not affected.
- 10. Acts repealed.

Preamble.

Whereas, since the passage of said Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1890, the name of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces has been altered to the "United Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces," and it is desirable that the name of the Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces should be altered to "The Home Mission Board of the United Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces;"

And whereas, the united Baptist Churches of this Province desire an Act to enable them to become incorporated as hereinafter provided;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

Section 1 amended.

1. Section one of said Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1890, is hereby amended by inserting before the word "Baptist" in the sixth, twenty-fourth and twenty-ninth lines of said Section, the word "United," and the corporate name of said Board shall henceforth be "The Home Mission Board of the United Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces."

2. The said Board is empowered to accept trust funds belonging to any Church in the said Convention, and to deal with the same in the interest of any such church, and to give the security of the Board to account for the same when required.

3. In the event of any United Baptist Church located in this Province ceasing to exercise the usual functions of a Church, or losing its visibility, of which the said Board shall be competent to judge and determine, the property of such church, both real and personal, shall, upon such determination, unless otherwise provided for in the deed held by such Church, forthwith be vested in and become the property of said Board; and said Board may deal therewith and sell and convey the same according to its pleasure, and use and expend the proceeds of such sale for any of the purposes of said Board.

4. Any one or more United Baptist Church or Churches located in this Province, and any such Church that may be hereafter formed which may be desirous of becoming incorporated, may, by the vote of a majority of its or their members present at any regular meeting of such Church or Churches for the holding of which meeting public notice shall have been given from the pulpit or pulpits of such Church or Churches on each of two Sabbaths next preceding such meeting, decide to become so incorporated, and may thereupon by a majority of votes elect from the members of such Church or Churches three, six, or nine persons as a Board of Trustees, and upon recording or causing to be recorded in the Book of Records of Church business an account of their election, duly signed by the chairman and secretary of such meeting, such Board of Trustees so appointed and their successors in office, shall thereupon become, and thenceforth shall continue to be, a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the United Baptist Church at \_\_\_\_\_" with power to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, to receive grants of real and personal property for the use of the Church, and to improve any such real property and to receive the rents for the like use, and thereupon the real and personal property of such Church or Churches shall

vest in such corporation, and it shall have power to sell, mortgage, lease, and convey the same, or any part thereof, as directed and authorized by such Church.

Election of Trustees.

5. The Trustees thus elected shall be so divided at the first election that one-third of them shall go out of office at the expiration of one year, one-third at the expiration of two years, and one-third at the expiration of three years, and thereafter the term of service of one third of their number shall expire annually and their places shall be filled by a new election after notice given as provided in Section four of this Act. Outgoing trustees shall be eligible for re-election.

Notice of Meetings.

6. Such corporation may meet for business at any time, but it shall not be competent for them to perform any act touching the interests of such church without being first directed to do so by a majority of the members of the Church present at a meeting regularly called by notice from the pulpit; given at least once on two Sabbaths next previous to the time of holding such meeting, such notice to specify the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Quorum.

7. A majority of the whole number of the trustees shall be a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority of votes cast on any question shall decide such question.

May deal with property.

8. Such Corporation shall not have authority to alienate, sell, encumber, or impair the property of the corporation without being directed so to do by the Church at a meeting called as provided in section six of this Act.

Churches not affected.

9. This Act shall in no way interfere with Churches that are now incorporated.

Acts repealed.

10. Chapter 78 of the Acts of 1870, entitled "An Act to incorporate certain Bodies in connection with the Free Baptist Church of Nova Scotia," and Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1878, entitled "An Act securing to Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia the benefits of in-

corporation," are hereby repealed; provided, nevertheless, that all proceedings taken and all things done under and by virtue of said Acts shall remain valid and in full force, notwithstanding such repeal thereof.

CHAPTER 215.

An Act to incorporate The Nova Scotia Bible Society.

(Passed the 16th day of April, A. D. 1908.)

SECTION.

- 1. Incorporation.
- 2. Objects.
- 3. May hold property.

SECTION.

- 4. By-laws.
- 5. Tax exemption.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Reverend John McMillan, The Reverend Foster H. Almon, The Reverend John Forrest, The Reverend S. F. Huestis, John Burgoyne and C. A. Prescott, and all such other persons who shall hereafter unite with them under the provisions of this Act, shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of "The Nova Scotia Bible Society," hereinafter referred to as the Society.

2. The object of the Society shall be to circulate the Bible.

3. The Society may acquire and hold real and personal estate to the value or sum of \$100,000, and upon a resolution by the Committee of Management, and recorded in the books of the Society, may sell, mortgage or convey such real estate. The real and personal property of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of Management.

4. The Committee of Management may from time to time make, alter, amend or repeal such by-laws, rules or regulations, not inconsistent with this Act or the laws of the Province, as they may deem necessary