

No. 54.

PETITION.

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*Unto the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia,
in Parliament assembled :*

The petition of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, humbly sheweth :—

1. That your petitioners, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, are not incorporated.
2. That your petitioners carry on their work and receive support from their members throughout the whole Dominion.

3. That from the want of some corporate body which could receive bequests, devise or conveyances, or make and execute deeds or instruments requiring to be executed under seal, much inconvenience and loss have been experienced by your petitioners, who have been unable to receive the benefactions of members of the Church who felt interested in its work.

4. That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at its meeting held at the City of Hamilton in June, 1899, appointed the Reverend Robert Harvey Warden, D.D., the Honourable Mr. Justice James MacLennan, the Reverend William MacLaren, D.D., William Mortimer Clark, Q. C., Adam Rutherford Creelman, Q. C., Hamilton Cassels and Robert Kilgour, Trustees for the Church, with instructions to seek, from the Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, the North-West Territories, and British Columbia, incorporation under the name of "The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," in order that they might receive and take all gifts, devise, or conveyances of any lands or tenements, or interests therein, and all gifts and bequests of personal estate which have been, or shall hereafter be, made to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and any of the schemes or trusts in connection therewith, not already incorporated, and hold the same for the benefit of the said Church and any of its said trusts or schemes, with power to sell, dispose of and convey all said real and personal property under the direction of the said Church, or the committees of its various schemes or institutions, and instructed its Moderator to sign, on behalf of the Church, any petition to the Legislatures of the said Provinces which might be necessary to obtain an Act incorporating the above-named persons as "The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

5. That the said Trustees have been incorporated by the Legislatures of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and the North-West Provinces, and it only remains for them to be incorporated by the Legislature of British Columbia.

6. That the said General Assembly, at its last session held in the City of Halifax in June, 1900, re-appointed the said Trustees and continued its instructions to secure such further legislation as might be required.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act constituting the said persons, and their successors, a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," for the purposes and with the powers herein set forth.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ALLAN POLLOK,
Moderator.

In the name and by the authority of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

VICTORIA, B.C.:

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