

An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of Ontario of the Church of England in Canada, and to make provisions respecting Vestry Meetings, 1921.

11 George V, c. 133

Preamble:

Whereas the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario is composed of the Archbishop and Bishops of the said Church in the Province of Ontario and of clerical and lay delegates from all the dioceses of the said Church in the said Province; and whereas a petition has been presented praying that the said provincial synod may be incorporated; and whereas by an Act passed by the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada in the third year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chaptered 74, and intituled "*An Act to make provisions for the management of the Temporalities of the United Church of England and Ireland in this province and for other purposes therein mentioned*" and commonly know and hereinafter referred to as *The Church Temporalities Act*, it was provided that a meeting of the vestry of every church within the meaning of the said Act should be holden on Monday in Easter Week in each and every year for the election of church wardens, and it was further provided that the members of such vestry at the said meeting as aforesaid should have power to make by-laws for the regulation of their proceedings and for the management of the temporalities of the church or parish to which they belong; and whereas the said Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Province of Ontario has by its petition prayed that the said Act of the late Province of Upper Canada should be amended so as to enable the synods of the several dioceses of the said church within the Province of Ontario from time to time to fix the date at which the vestry meetings should or might be held within each of the said dioceses respectively; 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 Ontario enacts as follows:

Incorporation of Provincial Synod:

1. The Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Province of Ontario is hereby declared to be a body corporate under the name and style of "*The Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Province of Ontario*," hereinafter called "*The Provincial Synod*."

Power to acquire and hold land, etc.:

2. The said provincial synod may acquire, receive, take and hold by purchase, gift, devise and bequest, land or personal property or any estate or interest therein and may use, enjoy, sell, transfer, dispose of, mortgage or hypothecate the same or any part thereof and may apply the proceeds of such property for the purposes of the said church subject to the terms of any trust on which the same may have been received or held, and any devise of real estate shall be subject to the laws respecting the devises of real estate to religious corporations in force at the time of such devise.

Power to pass canons re vestry meetings:

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said *The Church Temporalities Act* or in any Act amending such Act the Synod of any Diocese of the said Church of England in Canada in the Province of Ontario may from time to time pass a canon or canons and may from time to time repeal or amend the same providing that the meetings of vestries for the election of church wardens whether or pewed or free churches within the diocese, may or shall be held at such time or times as shall be mentioned in the said canon or canons.

By-laws for regulation of proceedings of vestry meetings:

4. It shall be in the power of the members of vestries of either pewed or free churches at such meetings as aforesaid to make by-laws for the regulation of their proceedings and the management of the temporalities of the church or parish to which they belong; provided that the same shall not be repugnant to any law or statute in force in this province or contrary to any Canon of the Church of England in Canada.