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No. 53 of 1911.

An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Sunday School Association.

(Assented to 1911.)

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named and others representing the Sunday Schools of the Province of Alberta by their petition in this behalf have represented that they are desirous of associating themselves together for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and conducting an organization to promote efficient Sunday School work among all denominations in the Province of Alberta, and the said petitioners have prayed to be incorporated under the name of The "Alberta Sunday School Association;"

Preamble

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 Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. That His Honour Lieutenant Governor G. H. V. Bulyea, Hon. W. H. Cushing, J. D. Higginbotham, A. Butchart, Rev. A. Farrell, Rev. C. H. Heustis, Rev. F. W. Patterson, A. W. Ward, Edward Michener, George S. Dingle, R. J. Robinson, H. N. Stephens, D. M. Stuart, John McVicar, Walter Jordan, A. B. Cushing, H. F. Kenny, A. C. Newcombe, Mrs. F. G. Marwood, F. G. Garbutt, J. B. Paterson, Rev. C. T. Holman, E. W. Owen, Rev. A. D. McDonald, Rev. E. S. Bishop, A. M. Scott, Jas. Smalley, J. E. Buchanan, T. B. Moffat, Geo. Barker, A. D. Fraser, G. H. Hutton, Jessop Nott, Rev. T. M. Murray, Dr. G. D. Stanley, Robert Patterson, S. C. Hartley, E. M. Wilson, M. Weber, G. M. Ball, Rev. H. B. Seymour, Rev. G. R. Lang, R. T. Williamson, Dr. G. D. McQueen, and such others as may from time to time be appointed representing the Sunday School work and interests of the various denominations, as hereinafter provided, shall be and are hereby constituted and established a body politic, and corporate under the name of "The Alberta Sunday School Association," for the promotion of efficient Sunday school work and the increase of general interest in the Sunday school as an institution.

Incorporation.

2. The corporation shall have power and legal authority to establish, equip, maintain and conduct throughout the Province of Alberta such unit organizations to be known as districts, as part of itself and as may be found necessary from time to time to come into close contact with the various existing Sunday schools and the places where it would be advisable that such schools should be operated. The organization, bounds, powers and all other matters in connection with the said districts shall be governed by the terms of the constitution which may from time to time be formulated or amended at the Provincial Convention of the said association as hereinafter provided.

Unit of organization.

3. The corporation shall by the name of "The Alberta Sunday School Association" have a perpetual succession and may have a common seal with power to change, alter, break and renew

Powers of the association.

the same when and so often as it shall think proper; and the said corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted, in all courts and places whatsoever in the province, and by such name may from time to time and at all times hereafter purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, and may have, take and receive for them and their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and real and immovable property, and estate within the province necessary for actual use and occupation as offices, residences, meeting halls or buildings, camping and picnic grounds, together with such appliances, gardens or pleasure grounds or equipment pertaining thereto, and the same may sell, alienate and dispose of and others in their stead purchase, acquire and hold for the uses and purposes aforesaid.

4. The said corporation shall have power to take, receive, own, hold, purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any such real or personal property as the Provincial Board or its commissioners may deem requisite or necessary or desirable for the purposes of the said organization, and also to mortgage, sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, and also to receive and hold for the benefit of the corporation all gifts, endowments, donations, special or general, and any legacies, devises or bequests of property, real or personal, or any trusts relating thereto, which may be directly or indirectly for the benefit of the association, and also to sell, transfer and convert into money all such property, real and personal, and to apply the proceeds thereof directly or indirectly to the benefit of the corporation.

5. The said corporation shall have full power and authority to invest or lend all or any sums of money of or belonging to the said association or given or bequeathed to it in the same manner as trustees are authorized and empowered to invest moneys, or to take, hold and dispose of any real or personal property or any interests therein for the purposes aforesaid.

6. The said corporation shall be capable of taking, holding, and acquiring all such lands and tenements, real and personal estate as may or shall have been *bona fide* mortgaged, hypothecated or pledged to the said corporation by way of security or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted or purchased at judicial sales upon all property so mortgaged or otherwise purchased for the purpose of avoiding a loss to the association in respect thereof.

7. The said corporation may equip and maintain such a central depot or emporium as it may from time to time find necessary for the prosecution of the general trade or barter of all or any supplies necessary for all or any kind of Christian enterprise; it may establish and maintain any such branch depot or emporium for similar purpose as the association may from time to time determine at any point or points in the province; it may buy, sell or barter any books, literature, music, maps, charts, models, furnishings or equipments that may be consistent with the aims of the association, and may so contract with any corporation, firm, individual, Sunday school, church, society, organization or institution as it may desire or determine.

8. The corporation shall have power, at the discretion of the Provincial Board or its commissioners, to establish, equip, maintain and conduct such premises, plant and equipment

Power to hold property.

May invest money.

May acquire title to pledged lands.

May trade and barter in supplies.

May carry on manufacturing and publishing business.

as it may desire and determine for the manufacture or publication of any or all of the supplies mentioned heretofore and may buy or sell or barter any raw, finished or partly finished products necessary to or resulting from the operations of the said manufacturing and publishing plant.

9. The corporation shall have power to build, secure, establish, maintain and conduct such school or schools, camp or camps, during the whole or part of any or every year as it may determine from time to time, for the training, education or recreation of Christian workers or teachers for the *bona fide* members of Sunday Schools; for these purposes it shall have power to have and to hold property or properties, park or parks and equipment which desire in any part of the province.

May establish and maintain schools and camps for training and recreation.

10. The said "The Alberta Sunday School Association" shall be under the management and administration of the board to be called the "Provincial Board of the Alberta Sunday School Association," which shall consist of the general officers and commissioners of the association as provided hereinafter, and one representative of each district; and shall consist of not less than thirty members, and not more than one hundred.

Provincial Board.

11. Edward Michener, George S. Dingle, R. J. Robinson, A. C. Newcombe, H. N. Stephens, D. M. Stuart, John McVicar, Walter Jordan, E. W. Owen, A. B. Cushing, H. F. Kenny, Mrs. F. C. Marwood, F. G. Garbutt, J. B. Paterson, Rev. C. T. Holman, Rev. A. D. McDonald, J. E. Buchanan, Rev. E. S. Bishop, Dr. A. M. Scott, Jas. Smalley, T. B. Moffat, Geo. Barker, A. D. Fraser, G. H. Hutton, Jessop Nott, Rev. T. M. Murray, Dr. G. D. Stanley, Robert Patterson, S. C. Hartley, E. M. Wilson, M. Webber, G. M. Ball, Rev. H. B. Seymour, Rev. G. R. Lang, R. T. Williamson, Dr. G. D. McQueen, shall be considered as the first board under this Act and shall hold office till their successors are appointed as hereinafter provided.

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12. The board shall have full power from time to time to appoint and as they shall see occasion to remove the general secretary, assistants, superintendents, tutors or instructors, and all officers, agents and other servants of said association, and the board shall have full power from time to time to make and alter or vary any by-laws and regulations touching and concerning the guidance of the association employees and officers and for the good ordering and government of the said association and its operations; the number, residence, duties, salary, provision of the general secretary, assistants, officers, agents or servants, superintendents, tutors or instructors of the said association respectively; and all other matters and things which seem to them good, fit and useful for the well ordering, governing and advancement of said association; and all such by-laws when reduced into writing and after the common seal of the association has been affixed thereto shall be binding upon all persons members thereof; provided that no by-law shall be contrary to the terms of the constitution of the association, as hereinafter provided, or repugnant to the laws of the Province of Alberta or of the Dominion of Canada.

Powers of provincial board.

13. The corporation shall have a board of commissioners to be known as the "Commissioners of the Alberta Sunday School Association" which shall consist of seven members to be appointed as hereinafter provided.

Commissioners.

14. The commissioners shall have the full powers of the Provincial Board as heretofore provided, between meetings of the board; shall transact all the business delegated to them by the board; shall report all their acts to the board, and shall be limited by any restrictions placed upon them by the board: provided, however, that the following duties and powers of the commissioners are hereby expressly declared, that is to say: ^{Powers and duties of commissioner.}

1. To sign or determine who shall have power to sign on behalf of the corporation, deeds, transfers, mortgages, leases, contracts, receipts, releases, discharges, cheques, promissory notes, and all other negotiable instruments and all other documents necessary or incidental to the business of the corporation;

2. To have oversight of all the work of all officers and employees of the association and provide for the payment of salaries and other accounts within the bounds of the budget by-laws passed by the Provincial Board;

3. To provide necessary office accommodation and equipment for the prosecution of work and aims of the corporation;

4. To enter into any arrangements with any authorities, legislative, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the objects of the corporation or any of them, and to obtain from any such authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the corporation may think it desirable to obtain and carry out, and exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;

5. To pass upon all expenditures, audit all claims, and otherwise supervise the details of the work of the corporation, and to keep and guard proper records and minutes of all proceedings of the corporation.

15. The corporation shall provide and arrange for a general convention of the Sunday school workers of the province at such time and place as the preceding convention shall determine from time to time, and shall render full and complete reports of the work and standing of the corporation at the time; this convention shall elect whatever general officers it shall deem necessary from time to time, and it shall also appoint the commissioners who must all reside within ten miles of the head office of the corporation, and shall prepare and revise a constitution concerning the conduct of the affairs of the entire corporation for the guidance of the Provincial Board and commissioners but which shall not in any case be contrary to the terms of this Act. ^{Conventions.}

16. The general officers of the convention and the commissioners as heretofore provided shall be members of the Provincial Board and the General President shall be the presiding officer; in his absence a vice-president shall act; the constitution shall provide that each district shall appoint a representative on the Provincial Board at an annual convention held within the bounds of the said district, and all members of the Provincial Board or its commissioners shall hold office till their successors are appointed. ^{Appointments to provincial board.}

17. All vacancies in the Provincial Board shall be filled as the constitution may determine from time to time. ^{Vacancies.}

18. All questions which may come before the Provincial Convention, Provincial Board or commissioners shall be decided by the majority of the members present. In case of equality of votes the president or chairman shall have a casting vote. ^{Majority vote rules.}

19. The head office of the corporation shall be at the City of Calgary. ^{Head office}

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