

# BILL

No. 1 of 1928.

An Act respecting the Division of Church Property in  
Lethbridge and Elsewhere.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1928.)

**W**HEREAS a Petition has been presented praying for an Act to empower the Board of Public Utility Commissioners to review the report and to enforce certain recommendations made by a Commission which was appointed the 29th day of April, 1926, under *The Public Enquiries Act*, to investigate disputes which had arisen as a result of the union of churches under *The United Church of Canada Act*; and 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.** The Board of Public Utility Commissioners, in addition to all other powers conferred upon it by *The Public Utilities Act, 1923*, or otherwise, shall have power at the instance of any party concerned to enquire into all matters affecting congregations of the United Church of Canada, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, located at Vermilion, Killam, High River, Edmonton South and Lethbridge, in Alberta, which were dealt with in a report to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council, made by the Commission that was appointed the 29th day of April, 1926, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, consisting of Dr. David George McQueen, of Edmonton; Stanley H. McCuaig, of Edmonton; Hugh J. Montgomery, of Wetaskiwin; Rev. Aubrey S. Tuttle, of Edmonton; J. E. A. Macleod, of Calgary, and Charles E. Wilson, of Edmonton, as Commissioners, which report was dated the 24th day of January, 1927; and the said Board shall have power, after enquiry as aforesaid, in so far as it may deem the said report and the recommendations it contains with respect to the matters above mentioned to be just and reasonable in the circumstances, to confirm and enforce in whole or in part any or all of the recommendations made to the respective congregations by the said Commission with respect to the finances or properties of churches at Vermilion, Killam and High River, Edmonton South and Lethbridge, which recommendations were made with respect to Vermilion, Killam and High River unanimously; with re-

spect to Lethbridge by five members of the said Commission; and with respect to Edmonton South, by the three first-named members thereof.

**2.** For the purposes of this Act the Board of Public Utility Commissioners shall follow the practice and procedure and shall have all the general powers and authority set out in Part I of *The Public Utilities Act, 1923*, and amendments thereto, and shall also have power to make such vesting orders and declarations of ownership or other rights, and to do and make all such other things and orders as may be necessary to give complete effect to the said recommendations; all of which orders when made shall operate as fully according to the tenor thereof as if they were set out in and formed a part of this Act.

**3.** This Act shall come into force on the day on which it is assented to.

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