

JOINT BOARD CHARTER

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An Act to incorporate "The Joint Board of the Theological Colleges affiliated with McGill University".

[Assented to 19th February, 1914]

WHEREAS the voluntary association known as "The Joint Board of the Theological Colleges affiliated with McGill University" and "The Board of Co-operation of the Theological Colleges affiliated with McGill University" have by their petition represented as follows :

That the theological colleges affiliated with McGill University have found it advantageous to co-operate for the training of students for the Christian ministry, and have actually so co-operated for some time with success; that in consequence, considerable sums of money have been subscribed by friends of the movement for the purpose of furnishing means and equipment; that a temporary joint board of managers (to wit the petitioners) representing each of the colleges concerned, has been in existence for some time, engaged in organizing the work of this co-operation; said joint board being composed as follows;

The Reverend Principal Hill, D. D., Reverend Hugh Pedley, D. D., Charles Gurd, Esq., Alexander M. Murphy, Esq., William D. Lighthall, Esq., K. C., Thomas B. Macaulay, Esq., all representing the Congregational College of Canada; the Reverend Principal Rexford, D. D., Reverend Allan P. Shatford, M. A., George E. Drummond, Esq., George G. Foster, Esq., K. C., Lieut. Col. Carson, Lansing Lewis, Esq., D. C. L., all representing the Montreal Diocesan Theological College; the Reverend Principal Scrimger, D. D., Reverend R. Bruce Taylor, D. D., David Morrice, Esq., John W. Ross, Esq., William M. Birks, Esq., William Yuile, Esq., all representing the Presbyterian Theological College; the Reverend Principal Smythe, D. D., Reverend W. R. Young, D. D., George F. Johnston, Esq., Charles C. Holland, Esq., William Hanson, Esq., J. W. McConnell, Esq., all representing the Wesleyan Theological College; the said persons being also the board of governors of the said voluntary

association ; and that it is desired to incorporate the said board ;

And whereas it is expedient to grant said petition :

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows :

- Corporation constituted.** 1. The said voluntary association, hereinafter known as the "Board", and their successors in office elected under this act are hereby incorporated under the name of "The Joint Board of the Theological Colleges affiliated with McGill University".
- Name.**
- Head office.** 2. The head office of the board shall be in the city of Montreal.
- Objects of corporation.** 3. The objects of the corporation shall be :
- a. To advance the co-operation of theological colleges in the training of candidates and students for the ministry of the Christian Church, and for other forms of Christian service; and to promote the general efficiency of the co-operating colleges of different religious communions, and generally, to promote the work of theological training; and to carry on said work, and to provide ways and means therefor;
- b. To receive, invest and administer such funds and property, real and personal, as may at any time be, or have been, lawfully entrusted to the board or to the said voluntary association.
- General powers.** 4. In order to promote the objects aforesaid, the board shall, without restricting its general powers as a corporation, have power:
- a. To acquire by purchase, lease, deed of trust, or otherwise, take, receive, and hold grants, devises, bequests, and gifts, of real and personal property, or any estate or interest therein, either absolutely or in trust; and to use, sell and dispose thereof; and to invest, change and reinvest, and to apply the proceeds and revenue of such property for the purposes for which the board is incorporated by this act; provided, however, that the annual value of the real property held by or in trust for the Board, shall not at any time exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars;
- b. To borrow money for the purposes of the board upon its property and upon its general credit, by advances, promissory notes, debentures, bonds or otherwise, and

to grant all necessary securities and mortgages for its loans;

c. To establish a constitution and by-laws, and to alter them from time to time subject to the provisions of this act, but such enactment of the constitution and amendments thereof shall be made by at least a two-thirds majority of the members of the board present at a meeting called for the purpose, provided always that at least half the Board be present at such meeting, and that the proposed constitution or amendments thereto have been duly submitted for consideration to the several co-operating theological colleges at least one month prior to said meeting; it being provided, however, that the constitution (Form of Government) under which the voluntary board has been organized, and which is contained in Schedule A of this Act, shall continue in force until altered or amended in accordance with this act;

d. To appoint such agents, officers, committees, trustees, and, with the consent of the co-operating colleges, such officers of instruction other than professors as it may deem proper, with such powers and duties as it may deem advisable; and to revoke such appointments;

e. To receive into the board as members, upon such terms and conditions as may be provided by the constitution, representatives of additional theological colleges and schools affiliated with McGill University;

f. To enter into contracts or agreements of any kind with any religious or educational corporation or body, for the objects contemplated by this act.

5. In the event of the death, resignation, absence, or ^{Vacancies on} inability to act, of any member of the board, he shall ^{the Board.} be replaced in the same manner as that in which he was originally appointed.

6. In the event of any college withdrawing its representatives from the board or ceasing to co-operate there- ^{College with-} with, it shall have no claim to any share in the property ^{drawing to} of the board, nor any interest therein. ^{have no} ^{share in pro-} ^{perty.}

7. The said board shall in no wise interfere with the ^{Duties of} complete autonomy of the theological colleges represented ^{Board.} upon it, and shall have no power to assume in relation to them or their property any proprietary, legislative or administrative authority, nor over any of their students, professors or instructors, without the express consent of the said colleges; provided, the board may make

rules for the internal governance of its work, subject to the provisions of this act.

Colleges authorized to co-operate.

8. The said colleges and all other institutions which may hereafter co-operate with them in the work of the board, or contract with it, are hereby authorized and empowered to do so, and to elect representatives and to take all and every part they may deem advisable by way of co-operating in the affairs of the board, and in the advantages provided by it.

Chairman.

9. The chairman of the board shall always be a layman.

Report to Lt.-Gov. in Council.

10. The said corporation shall, when thereunto required by the Provincial Secretary, transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a statement of its immoveable property, a certified copy of its rules and by-laws, and the names of its officers.

Coming into force.

11. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

SCHEDULE A

FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

The Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors shall be composed of :

1. The Principals (ex-officio) of the co-operating Colleges.
2. Three lay members elected from its own membership by each of the governing boards of the said colleges.
3. Two representatives of each of the communions with which the co-operating colleges are connected, elected by the members under the two foregoing sections—one a clergyman, the other a layman. The elected members shall hold office for three years, but provision will be made for the annual retirement of seven of these members in rotation, who shall, however, be eligible for re-election.

The board shall elect its own chairman annually, also a vice-chairman, an honorary treasurer, and an honorary secretary, and such other honorary or paid officials as it may deem necessary or desirable.

Professors shall be appointed as at present by the different colleges, it being understood, however, that no appointment of a professor shall be made by any college without consultation with the central board of governors.

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All property, real or personal, shall be vested in the board of governors, which shall also have entire charge of all financial matters, except, of course, those which specially concern the individual colleges.

The Council or Senate.

The council or senate shall consist of the principals, professors and ten members of the board of governors (other than the principals) elected annually by that body. The Council have charge of academic matter such as the courses of study and examinations.

Each principal in turn, according to seniority of appointment as such, shall act as chairman for one year, and during his term of office shall be designated Dean.

The Faculty

The principals and professors of the co-operating colleges shall constitute the faculty, which shall have charge of all questions relating to time-table of lectures, examinations and matters of discipline, and shall report its proceedings to the senate. The Dean shall be chairman.

Lecturers shall carefully avoid anything that might justly be considered distinctive denominational teaching.