

said act, declared to be a corporation, and with the rector or incumbent are empowered to make and execute conveyances, etc., but not to mortgage or encumber. Under the property of religious institutions act above referred to, sec. 27, s.s. 2, the parson or other incumbent for the time being and the church wardens thereof are, for the purposes of the act, to be declared and taken to be trustees within the meaning thereof. The debentures in this case being made a charge upon the church and lands under the above state of the law, it is a question whether the Diocese of Ottawa, if they have not already done so, should follow the example of the Diocese of Toronto and have a similar act to that obtained by them passed. The act referred to is 47 Vic., cap. 89, an act respecting church wardens in the Diocese of Toronto.

Mr. Kribs' bill respecting the corporation of the Town of Preston (No. 25) is the first bill amongst the many already distributed asking for leave to grant a bonus that comes before the Legislature in proper shape. In all the other cases illegal by-laws are put through, by-laws that the Councils have no authority to pass nor the ratepayers to vote upon, and then the Legislature is asked to confirm something that cannot be confirmed, having no legal existence. In this bill the Municipal Council of Preston ask for leave to pass a by-law for the purpose of raising by way of loan on the credit of the debentures of said corporation a sum not exceeding \$4,500 for aiding in assisting the Mineral Springs Furniture Company, subject to the same being submitted to the ratepayers in terms of the municipal act. It would be well if all the other acts were made to conform to this same procedure if the policy of the Legislature is to continue the granting of these acts permitting Councils to grant bonuses not allowed under the municipal act.
