

His duties, and effect of copies from Registrar. with to such Registrar the sum of *two shillings and six pence* for every such list ; and on receipt by such Registrar of every such list it shall be his duty to file the same among the papers of his office and to record the same in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and every such registry or a certified copy thereof shall be considered, in the case of the death or absence of the witnesses to any such marriage, as a sufficient evidence thereof ; and the said Registrar is hereby required to give a certified copy of any such marriage record to any person demanding the same on the payment of the sum of *two shillings and six pence* ; and every such Clergyman or Minister shall before solemnizing such marriage be entitled to ask, demand and receive from either of the parties to such marriage, the sum of *five shillings* to enable him to pay the said sum so to be paid or transmitted by him to such Registrar and to remunerate him the said Clergyman or Minister for the trouble and expense attendant on the preparing and transmission of such certified list to such Registrar ; And every such Clergyman or Minister who shall refuse or neglect to return such certified list as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay for every day he shall so neglect or refuse beyond the time respectively herein fixed for making such return, the sum of *one pound*, which shall be recoverable before any Magistrate of the County in which such Clergyman or Minister shall reside with, costs, and shall be applied as fines now inflicted under the Summary Convictions Acts of Upper Canada.

Punishment of persons not being Ministers pretending to solemnize marriage. IV. Any person not being a Clergyman or Minister of a religious denomination existing in Upper Canada, who shall solemnize or pretend to solemnize matrimony under the provisions of this Act, and any person who shall falsely personate any Clergyman or Minister for the purpose of officiating at any such ceremony, shall be liable for every such offence to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary for a period not exceeding two years, or to suffer such other punishment either by fine or imprisonment or both, as any Court of Record having competent jurisdiction in Upper Canada shall deem meet and just ; and it shall rest upon any person accused of such offence to prove the fact of his being a duly ordained Minister or Clergyman of the religious denomination to which he shall profess to belong, and that such denomination had at the time of the solemnization of such marriage a known and recognized existence in Upper Canada.

Punishment of persons procuring persons not Ministers to pretend to marry, &c. V. Any person procuring any person not being a Minister or Clergyman of some Religious Denomination existing in Upper Canada to perform the ceremony of matrimony, or who shall knowingly aid or abet any such pretended Clergyman or Minister in performing such ceremony, shall be liable to the punishment provided for in the next preceding section of this Act.

Inconsistent laws repealed. VI. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Act limited to U. C. VII. This Act shall apply to Upper Canada only.