

so married and without regard to the religion of the person performing the ceremony.

"2. The rights and duties, as married people, of the respective persons married as aforesaid, and of the children of such marriage, shall be absolute and complete, and no law or canonical decree or custom of or in any province in Canada shall have any force or effect to invalidate or qualify any such marriage or any of the rights of the said persons or their children in any manner whatsoever."

Flotsam and Jetsam.

INCREASE OF PERJURY.—His Honour Judge Edge, in giving his decision recently in a case tried before him in Clerkenwell County Court said: "The increase of perjury in the County Courts is so alarming that public attention ought to be directed to it. It is a pressing demand. I am saying it as a retiring judge, after being on the Bench for twenty-three years, that it is almost impossible to do justice between parties owing to the prevalence of false swearing. It really is shocking. It has been a matter which has placed a very great anxiety upon judges who have to try cases, and endeavour to do what is right and just between parties. False swearing is increasing in a way that I think the legislature ought to pay attention to at once. I do not think any one would oppose that great powers should be placed in the hands of judges for checking perjury."—*Law Notes*.

MARRIAGE LAWS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—A Blue Book [Cd. 5993] has been issued giving the latest information to be obtained about the marriage laws of foreign countries. Wherever possible a translation of the actual text of the law is given; and all the summaries and other additional matter have been either supplied by the authorities of the country concerned or based on information supplied by those authorities. An introductory note explains that the principal object of this publication is to enable British subjects desiring to contract marriage in one of the countries mentioned therein, or to marry a foreigner in any country, to take such precautions as they may desire (a) to insure that their marriage will be valid in all countries in which it is to their interest that it should be valid;