

hension that their marriages, duly solemnized can hereafter be validly impeached as regards their legal validity on the ground of relationship in any degree other than those known as the Levitical degree. But as we have said their Lordships make some observations on another collateral matter of interest, viz., the solemnization of marriage in Quebec. They say "The Articles which deal with the formalities relating to the solemnization of marriage show the same absence of any reference to the religious belief of the persons to be married," and so they conclude, "there is therefore a general power of all such competent officers to solemnize marriages of all kinds." By which is clearly meant there is no sort of restriction dependent on the religious belief of the sponsors or of either of them, as to the persons authorized to solemnize marriages; which, we should think, should put an end to any further judgments of Quebec Courts annulling marriages of Roman Catholics duly solemnized by and between competent persons, on the ground that the rules of the Council of Trent, or the Ne temere decree were not complied with.

Although the judgment in the Tremblay case effectually guards the legal sanctity of marriages duly solemnized from being impeached by a maker of civil law, it does not, of course, hinder Roman Catholic Bishops and their clergy from casting doubt on their religious validity. That is a matter which is obviously left to their good sense and right finding, which it is hoped may be found sufficient to prevent the recurrence of some episodes in the past, which to many seemed to lead to the depravement of the marriage tie, rather than the upholding of its sanctity, which the Roman Catholic Church takes credit to itself for doing.

For any organization of Christian people to pretend and teach that no marriage involving any religious obligation can be solemnized in Canada except by a minister of their own particular organization, and that all marriages not so solemnized involve no religious obligation, merely amounting to legalized fornication, must seem to most right thinking people a very deplorable doctrine.