

Contracting parties must be twenty-one years of age. If either party to an intended marriage (not being a widower or widow) is within the age of twenty-one years, the consent of the father of such party, if the father is living, or if the father is dead, the consent of the mother, if father and mother are dead the consent of guardian (if any has been appointed), shall be obtained before a license for such a marriage is issued.

Marriage licenses shall be under the hand and seal of the Lieut.-Governor, who may from time to time sign and seal licenses in blank, which shall then be furnished by the Provincial Secretary to the issuers. Every issuer shall give the Provincial Secretary a receipt for all blank licenses received by him, and shall account to the Provincial Secretary for all licenses so received.

Every person who, knowing the same to be false, shall send to any newspaper, publisher or other person for publication in any newspaper in Nova Scotia, a false statement of the marriage of any person, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars.

Fee for license, \$5.00.

Every person applying for a license shall make an affidavit stating all the facts necessary to enable the issuer to legally issue to him a license.

There is no age limit to parties contracting a marriage, nor time limit as to when it may be solemnized.

No person shall officiate in the solemnization of any marriage unless:—

- (a) Publication has been made by banns; or
- (b) A license has been obtained.

Publication by banns of any intended marriage may be made at any church or meeting house for divine worship, at the place in which one of the parties to the intended marriage resides, by the officiating minister or clergyman of any congregation at such place, in an audible voice during divine service. If there is more than one public service for divine worship in such church or meeting house on each Sunday, such publications shall be made at three several services held on two or more Sundays; or otherwise such publications may be made at the several services on two Sundays.

The clergyman solemnizing the marriage must give a duly filled-in marriage certificate to one of the parties to the marriage.

QUEBEC.

Civil Code.

No. 115. A man cannot contract marriage before the full age of fourteen years and a woman before the full age of twelve years.

Nos. 116, 148. There is no marriage where there is no consent. A marriage contracted without the free consent of both parties, or of one of them, can only be attacked by such parties themselves, or by the one whose consent was not free.