

An Act to amend the Law of Evidence in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS there should be no distinctions with regard to witnesses in all civil cases: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. The rule of competency of witnesses in cases of a commercial nature in Lower Canada, shall apply in all civil cases; and neither relationship, affinity or interest shall bar the testimony of any person, but shall go merely to his credulity. Rule in commercial cases to apply to all civil cases.

II. It shall be lawful not only to submit questions upon *faits et articles* as at present, but either party may also interrogate *viva voce* the other, and the same process may issue against a party duly summoned, and not attending, as against any other contumacious witness. Parties may examine each other as witnesses.

III. This Act shall only apply to Lower Canada.

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