

to cases where the property is subdivided into more than six lots ; and **2182** requires the entry-book and the index to immoveables to be authenticated in the same manner as the register.

## V.

The next and most numerous class of amendments introduced by the Code comprises those which tend to the **GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE LAWS**, either by rendering them more simple, convenient, or uniform, or by supplying deficiencies, or removing useless provisions.

These will be best classified in the order of the titles in which they occur.

In the title *Of Acts of Civil Status*, article **71**, for the sake of uniformity, prescribes that the registers in which acts of religious profession are inscribed shall be authenticated, in the same manner as other registers of civil status ; and article **77** supplies an omission in the law, by providing a remedy in cases where an act of civil status has been entirely omitted from the register. Provision already existed for rectifying such entries, but none to meet the case of their total omission.

In the title *Of Absentees*, article **93**, in view of the modern facilities of communication with distant parts of the world, reduces, from ten years to five, the period after which the presumptive heirs of an absentee may obtain authority to take provisional possession of his property ; article **97**, for the protection of the absentee, obliges the persons obtaining the provisional possession to cause the immoveable property to be examined by skilled persons, in order to establish its condition, and provides for the homologation of their report, and the payment of the expenses out of the absentee's property.

In the title *Of Marriage*, article **132**, supplying a deficiency in the former law, renders it incumbent upon the officer about to solemnize a marriage to ascertain that there is no legal impediment to it, whenever the last domicile of the parties was out of Lower Canada, and the bans have not been published there. Article **141** provides a means of opposing the marriage of an insane person, even if he is of age and has not been interdicted.