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An Act to amend Chapter Seventy-two of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intituled "An Act respecting "Marriages in Upper Canada."

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legisla- Preamble. tive Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The first section of Chapter Seventy-two of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, shall be amended by adding to the end of said 5 section the following provisions, which shall make part of the said Act: "The marriage or marriages of all persons not being under any canon-"ical disqualification to contract matrimony, which marriages had been "nublicly contracted in Upper Canada, before any Minister or Ministers riages con-"who was or were, prior to the passing of the Act of Upper Canada, 11th firmed. 10 "Geo. 4th, Chapter Thirty-six, allowed to solemnize matrimony before "having obtained, and without such Minister had obtained, a license "from the Quarter Sessions under the said Act, or a certificate from "the Registrar of the said County, under the Act of Canada, 10th and "11th Victoria, Chapter Eighteen, are hereby declared to have been 15 "valid, and shall be considered as good and valid in law, and the parties "to such marriages, and the issue thereof, shall be entitled to all the "rights, and subject to all the obligations arising from such marriages, "and the consanguinity resulting therefrom: any law, or usage, or cus-"tom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding."

Sec. 1. of c. 72 of Con. Stat. U. C. amended; new provisions added; certain mar-