

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws for the Registration of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the laws relative to the Registration of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in Lower Canada, and to consolidate the same; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

5 J. In each parish, church, mission or congregation in Lower Canada, permanently established of any religious denomination, under the charge of a regularly ordained Priest or Minister thereof, there shall be kept by the Minister or Priest, doing the parochial or clerical duty thereof, two registers of the same tenor, both of which shall be reputed authentic, in
10 each of which the said Priest or Minister who shall officiate, or his vicar's assistant, shall be held to enregister, regularly and successively, all baptisms, marriages and burials so soon as and immediately after the same shall have been by him performed.

Two registers to be kept in every church, mission or parish for the registration of baptism, marriages and burials.

15 II. The said registers shall be a perpetual register, and an annual register, and shall be granted to any of the said parishes, churches, missions or congregations on the application of the Minister or Priest thereof, on proving to the satisfaction of a Judge of the Superior Court, in the District for which the registers are required, that a regular and permanent parish, church, mission or congregation has been established for which registers are required;
20 ed; that a Minister or Priest, duly ordained according to the rites and forms of his church, has been appointed thereto; and that the said Minister or Priest has taken the oath of allegiance, and has given security by bond to be passed before any Judge of the Superior Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in the sum of £100 for the faithful keeping and preservation of such registers,
25 ters, and the due observance of all the duties and requirements of this Act.

Conditions upon which such registers are to be granted, one to be perpetual and the other annual.

III. The perpetual register shall, before being used as such, be numbered on the first and every subsequent leaf by the number thereof, in words at full length, with the initial letters of the Prothonotary's name, written
30 by the Prothonotary of the District; and shall be authenticated on the first page by a memorandum stating the number of leaves, and the purposes of such register, signed by the Judge of the Superior Court, and sealed with the Seal of said Court, and shall contain on the first pages thereof the 6th and 9th sections of this Act, and also the forms of entries
35 of births, marriages and deaths, written or printed in full.

Parish register, how authenticated and what to contain.