

XII. It shall in all cases be the duty of the head of the family to report the death of any member of his family, within twenty-four hours after it shall have happened, according to the form of Schedule C to this Act attached ; And in cases when the death occurs in a family not having a resident clergyman in the place, then, in addition to the certificate required under the eighth section of this Act, such death shall be reported to the Registrar of the City, County, or Riding, as the case may be, with all possible despatch, in no case to exceed three days.

Deaths to be reported.

How if in a family having no resident Clergyman.

XIII. All contraventions of this Act, whether by omission or commission, shall be punishable by fine, not to exceed *one hundred dollars* for every offence, and to be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction by any person or persons suing for the same, one-half to be paid to the Municipality in which the offender resides, to become a portion of the general funds of the said Municipality, and the other half to the person or persons who shall or may sue for the same, together with the costs incurred, to be by him or them recovered for his or their own use and benefit.

Penalty for offences against this Act.

Application thereof.

XIV. Any abstract of Registry under certificate of either Registrar or Clergyman, shall be received as testimony in all Courts.

Certified abstracts to be evidence.

XV. For the purpose of enabling such persons as are deprived of the advantages of a resident clergyman, to record the Births and Deaths which have taken place in their families before the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the head of any such family to make a list, as near to the form of Schedule A as circumstances will permit, and sign the same under a solemn declaration that the same is true, and then hand the same to the Registrar of the County, City, or Riding, as the case may be, who, upon receiving *ten shillings* as fee, shall enter the same in a separate book to be kept for such purposes.

Provision for registering births or deaths which happened before the passing of this Act.

XVI. In all cases where the facts to be attested or reports made are attested or reported by any other than father, mother, husband or wife, the reason for such report shall be set forth in the entry.

When facts attested other than by father, mother, &c.

XVII. In all cases it shall and may be lawful for the Clergymen and others, who are obliged to make their annual Returns according to this Act, and according to any other Act for the registration of Marriages in Upper Canada, and according to the Laws in force for such purpose in Lower Canada, to transmit the same by Mail ; and, by endorsing the words "Annual Return of Marriages, Births and Deaths" for the year A. D. , and signing the same, the said Returns shall go free to the officers appointed by Law to receive them, and shall in all cases be received by the receiving officer in the same manner that registered Letters are received.

Annual returns to be sent by mail and receipted as registered letters.