

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

BILL 10.

An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act.

R.S. c. 59.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Proof of entries in Dominion books.

1. Section twenty-six of the *Canada Evidence Act*, chapter fifty-nine of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection:— **5**

Proof that no licence or other document has been issued.

“(2) Where by any statute of Canada or regulation thereunder provision is made for the issue by a department, commission, board or other branch of the public service, of a licence requisite to the doing or having of any act or thing or for the issue of any other document, an affidavit of an officer of the department, commission, board or other branch of the public service, sworn before any commissioner or other person authorized to take affidavits, that he has charge of the appropriate records and that after careful examination and search of such records he has been unable to find in any given case that any such licence or other document has been issued, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence that in such case no licence or other document has been issued.” **10 15 20**