

(a.) if he or she in good faith and on reasonable grounds believes his wife or her husband to be dead ; or

(b.) if his wife or her husband has been continually absent for seven years then last past and he or she is not proved to have known that his wife or her husband was alive at any time during those seven years ; or

(c.) if he or she has been divorced from the bond of the first marriage ; or

(d.) if the former marriage has been declared void by court of competent jurisdiction. R.S.C., c. 161, s. 4.

4. No person shall be liable to be convicted of bigamy in respect of having gone through a form of marriage in a place not in Canada, unless such person, being a British subject resident in Canada, leaves Canada with intent to go through such form of marriage.

Punishment  
of bigamy.

**276.** Every one who commits bigamy is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to seven years' imprisonment.

2. Every one who commits this offence after a previous conviction for a like offence shall be liable to fourteen years' imprisonment. R.S.C., c. 161, s. 4.

Feigned mar-  
riages.

**277.** Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to seven years' imprisonment who procures a feigned or pretended marriage between himself and any woman, or who knowingly aids and assists in procuring such feigned or pretended marriage. R.S.C., c. 161, s. 2.

Punishment  
of polygamy.

**278.** Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for five years, and to a fine of five hundred dollars, who—

(a.) practises, or, by the rites, ceremonies, forms, rules or customs of any denomination, sect or society, religious or secular, or by any form of contract, or by mere mutual consent, or by any other method whatsoever, and whether in a manner recognized by law as a binding form of marriage or not, agrees or consents to practise or enter into

(i.) any form of polygamy ;

(ii.) any kind of conjugal union with more than one person at the same time ;

(iii.) what among the persons commonly called Mormons is known as spiritual or plural marriage ;

(iv.) who lives, cohabits, or agrees or consents to live or cohabit, in any kind of conjugal union with a person who is married to another, or with a person who lives or cohabits with another or others in any kind of conjugal union ;  
or

(b.) celebrates, is a party to, or assists in any such rite or ceremony which purports to make binding or to sanction any of the sexual relationships mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section ; or

(c.)