

An Act for the Registration of Births and Deaths in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a public record should be kept of Preamble.
the Births and Deaths which take place in Upper Canada;
Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The Registry Offices for Cities, Counties, and Ridings, now in Registry offices appointed.
existence, and those hereafter to be lawfully called into existence, shall
be the Registry Offices for all Births and Deaths in their respective
localities.

II. Each Clergyman of every denomination, and all religious commu- Clergymen of all denominations and religious communities to keep Registers, in duplicate, and deposit one of them yearly.
nities and hospitals where persons may be nursed, attended to in sick-
ness and interred, and all priests and ministers doing the clerical duty
of such religious communities and hospitals, shall be furnished annually
with two Books, to serve as the Recording Books for Births and Deaths,
and shall make all entries of births, deaths and burials, so soon as the
same shall have been by them performed, and hereby required to be
made in duplicate in the said Books, and shall at the close of each year
deposit one of the said Books with the Registrar of the City, County or
Riding, as the case may be; and such Registrar shall, on the receipt of
said duplicate record, enter, at the foot of the last recorded birth or
death, his certificate, showing the date on which said duplicate record
was returned to him, and shall sign the said certificate.

III. The said record shall be kept according to the form A to this Form.
Law attached, and upon conviction as hereinafter provided.

IV. In no case, except from illness, shall any Clergyman delay When deposit must be made. Penalty for neglect.
making such return to such Registrar within ten days after the thirty-
first day of December in each and every year; and any Clergyman
who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the true intent and meaning
of this Act, either in the form of the aforesaid Registers, or the entries
therein to be made, or in the delivery of the same to the Register
aforesaid, shall, for every such neglect or refusal, pay a sum of not less
than *ten dollars*, nor more than *eighty dollars*, and be liable in damages
by civil action to any party or parties suffering any damage for such
neglect or refusal; and the like penalties shall apply to and be enforced
against any religious community and hospital in the second section of
this Act referred to.

V. The Books required to be furnished for such purposes shall be How Registers shall be furnished and authenticated.
furnished at the cost of the Council of City, Town, Township, or incor-
porated Village in which the Clergyman or Minister resides; and shall,