

Clergyman or Minister of such remuneration as the parties may see fit to make.

IV. In the event of the death or removal of any Minister or Clergyman before making the annual return hereinbefore provided for, it shall be the duty of his successor or other person having the legal custody of the book referred to in the next preceding section of this Act, to transmit to the Registrar of the County in which any such marriage shall have taken place, a certified copy of all marriages therein recorded, in the same manner as is provided for, and subject to the same penalties for neglect or non-performance of such duty, as is mentioned in the next preceding section, and such Registrar shall record the same as if such return had been made by the Minister or Clergymen who *de facto* celebrated such marriage.

V. Any person not being a Clergyman or Minister of a religious denomination existing in Upper Canada, who shall solemnize or pretend to solemnize matrimony under the provisions of this Act, and any person who shall falsely personate any Clergyman or Minister for the purpose of officiating at any such ceremony, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be liable for every such offence to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary, for a period not exceeding two years, or to suffer such other punishment either by fine, imprisonment, or both, as any Court of Record having competent jurisdiction in Upper Canada shall deem meet and just; and it shall rest upon any person accused of such offence to prove the fact of his being a duly ordained or appointed Minister or Clergyman of the religious denomination to which he shall profess to belong, and that such denomination had at the time of the solemnization of such marriage a known existence in Upper Canada.

VI. Any person knowingly procuring any other person not being a clergyman of some religious denomination existing in Upper Canada, to perform the ceremony of matrimony, or who shall knowingly aid or abet any such pretended Clergyman or Minister in performing such ceremony, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the punishment provided for in the next preceding section of this Act.

VII. Every marriage which shall be duly solemnized according to the rites, usages and customs of the Religious Society