

Registrar to  
keep marriage  
notice book.

profession or condition of each of the parties intending marriage, the dwelling place of each of them, and the time, not being less than two days, during which each has dwelt therein. The Registrar shall file all such notices, and keep them with the records of his office, and shall forthwith enter a true copy of all such notices fairly into a book to be for that purpose furnished to him by the Registrar General, to be called "the Marriage Notice Book," and which shall be open at all reasonable times, without fee, to all persons desirous of inspecting the same, and for every such entry the Registrar shall be entitled to have a fee of fifteen pence.

Registrar to  
issue certifi-  
cates as to com-  
petency of  
parties.

III. The Registrar shall satisfy himself of the identity of the parties, of their competency as to age, and as to there being no legal impediment to their entering into the marriage state. If the issue of a certificate has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof, and if satisfied, after enquiry, or from personal knowledge, that no such impediment exists, the Registrar shall immediately issue under his hand a certificate in the form of schedule B. to this Act annexed: but if there is a doubt on his mind, he may either examine the parties, or either of them, on oath, relative to the matter of which he is in doubt, or defer the issue of such certificate for one week to enable him to make further enquiries, at the end of which time he may issue his certificate in the form of schedule B. for which he shall be entitled to have a fee of fifteen pence.

By whom  
marriage may  
be solemnized.

IV. Marriages may be solemnized or celebrated by any Justice of the Peace, in the County for which he is appointed; they may be solemnized or celebrated throughout the Province by any Clergyman, Minister of the Gospel, who has been ordained according to the usage of his denomination, and who resides within the Province, and continues to preach the Gospel and to perform the other functions of his office, or by any Mayor, Recorder or Alderman of a City, in the City for which he acts, or by a Justice of the Peace, or a Judge of the County Court within his County; and a Registrar's certificate shall be to any such Minister, Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, Judge or Justice, full authority for solemnizing or celebrating the marriage of the parties named and described in the said certificate.

Not to inter-  
fere with  
Quakers and  
Jews.

V. Marriages among the people called Friends or Quakers, and among the Jews, may be solemnized, celebrated or contracted in the manner heretofore used and practised in their respective religious societies or synagogues; but parties to be married must first obtain a certificate of their intentions from the Registrar of the Town, City, Township or Parish in which they are then resident.