

An Act to protect the rights of parties affected by the loss by fire of the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the Parish of St. George d'Aubert Gallion, in the County of Beauce.

**W**HEREAS the Parsonage House (*Presbytère*) of the Parish of St. George d'Aubert Gallion, in the County of Beauce, was consumed by fire on the second day of February last, together with the original Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of the said Parish, as well as the duplicates of the said registers for the preceding year, made in accordance with the law in that behalf, and therein deposited temporarily for safe-keeping; And whereas it is right and necessary to prevent the confusion and serious loss which may result to families and individuals whose status and civil rights may be affected or impaired by the destruction of the said Registers; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. It shall be the duty of the Prothonotary of the Superior Court at Quebec to cause to be made a true and faithful transcript of all the entries contained in the duplicate Registers of Births, Marriages, and Burials of the said Parish, deposited of record in the office of the said Prothonotary previously to the destruction by fire of the said original Registers, such transcript to be made and entered in books to be duly authenticated and paraphe'd in the manner prescribed by law with regard to books in which Registers of Births, Marriages, and Burials are to be kept, and to be certified under the hand of the said Prothonotary as such true and faithful transcript, and to be delivered to the Priest or Curé of the said Parish for the time being or other person entitled by law to the custody of the Registers of the said Parish, and to be kept in the Archives of the *fabrique* thereof; And all extracts from the said transcripts, being certified by the Priest, Curé, or other person having the legal custody of the said Registers, shall be legal evidence of the facts mentioned in such extracts, and shall have the same force and effect to all intents and purposes as if the same had been made in due and regular time and form agreeably to the law of Lower Canada, saving to the adverse parties the right of impeaching and rebutting such evidence.

II. The Reverend Gaudin, the Curé of the said Parish, and the person or persons succeeding him and officiating therein as Priest, Curé, Vicar, or Missionary thereof during the time of the carrying into execution of the provisions of this Act are respectively, and each of them is hereby constituted a Commissioner for the purposes of this Act

Preamble.

Prothonotary of Quebec to make and transmit to the Curé of St. George a duplicate of former Registers.

Effect of such duplicate and extracts therefrom.

Curé and his successors in office to be Commissioners for collecting evidence to form a new Register, &c