

**BILL.**

**An Act to amend the Law of Upper Canada with respect to the Solemnization and Registration of Marriages.**

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to make better provision Preamble.  
 respecting the Celebration and Registration of Marriages  
 in Upper Canada: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most  
 Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the  
 5 Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the  
 Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of  
 and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of  
 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled,  
*An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada,*  
 10 *and for the Government of Canada,* and it is hereby enacted by  
 the authority of the same, That so much of the Act of the Le- So much of  
 gislature of Upper Canada, passed in the thirty-third year of Acts of U. C.  
 the Reign of King George the Third, and intituled, *An Act to* 33 G. 3, c. 5.  
*confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted* and  
 15 *in the Country now comprised within the Province of Upper Ca-*  
*nada, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Marriages*  
*within the same,* or of the Act of the said Legislature, passed  
 in the thirty-eighth year of the same Reign, and intituled, *An* 38 G. 3, c. 4.  
*Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the second session*  
 20 *of the first Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, intituled,*  
*'An Act to confirm and make valid certain Marriages heretofore*  
*contracted in the Country now comprised within the Province of*  
*Upper Canada, and to provide for the future solemnization of*  
 25 *Matrimony within the same,'* in the eleventh year of the Reign  
 of King George the Fourth, and intituled, *An Act to make valid* 11 G. 4, c. 36.  
*certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the*  
*future Solemnization of Matrimony in this Province,* or of the  
 Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the Session  
 held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, And of Canada  
 30 and intituled, *An Act to extend the Provisions of the Marriage* 10 & 11 V.  
*Act of Upper Canada to Ministers of all denominations,* or of c. 18, or of  
 any other Act, as empowers any person validly to celebrate any other  
 Marriage so as to give the Marriage any legal effect for civil Act, as is  
 purposes, other than the persons hereby authorized to receive inconsistent  
 35 the Contract of Marriage, or as requires or authorizes any with this Act,  
 Register or Record of any Marriage to be made or kept in repealed.  
 any other manner than that hereby provided and prescribed, or  
 as would give any legal effect for civil purposes, to any Mar-  
 riage contracted in Upper Canada after the  
 40 day of \_\_\_\_\_, in any way other than that hereby  
 prescribed and provided, or as may be in any way inconsistent  
 with this Act, shall be, and is hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the time when Marriage in  
 this Act shall be in force, Marriage, as a Civil Contract, shall the form pro-  
 45 be valid in law, when such Contract is executed by the vided by this  
 contracting parties in the manner and before the parties herein- Act to be  
 after mentioned. valid.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be Who may re-  
 lawful for any Minister, Priest, Pastor, Religious Teacher ceive the mar-  
 50 recognized by any Church or Religious Denomination, or riage contract.