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## BILL.

An Act legalizing and providing for the delivery of certain Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials.

Received and read, first time, Monday, 7th April, 1862.

Second Reading, Wednesday, 9th April, 1862.

M. LANGEVIN.

## QUEBEC:

PRINTED FOR THE CONTRACTORS BY HUNTER, ROSE & LEMIEUX, ST. URSULE STREET. An Act legalizing and providing for the delivery of certain Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials.

No. 23.]

WHEREAS at different periods, since the second day of February one thousand six hundred and eighty, certain Roman Catholic Missionaries of the diocese of Quebec have performed in their missions Marriages, Baptisms and Burials, and have kept regular Registers of the same; but 5 whereas those Registers have not been kept in duplicate and may not be Preamble. legal, though the entries therein are authenticated by the signatures of the Missionaries by whom such entries were made; and whereas a large number of families are interested in having the said Registers legalized, and it is expedient to provide for the regular delivery of those Registers 10 which have been from time to time voluntarily delivered by said Missionaries to the Secretary's office of the Roman Catholic Archbishopric of Quebec; Therefore, Her Majesty, enacts as follows:

- 1. The Secretary of the Roman Catholic Archbishopric of Quebec, in Secretary of so far as the Registers A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, R. C. Arch-15 P. Q, R, S, T, U, V and X of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials, men-have certain tioned in the Petition of His Lordship the Right Reverend Charles powers as to François Baillargeon, Bishop of Tloa and Administrator of the Roman Missionary Catholic Arch-diocese of Quebec, dated the twentieth day of March, one Registers. thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, are concerned, shall be consi-20 dered as having and shall have, from the passing of this Act, the same powers as are enjoyed by the Parish Priests in their Parishes, in so far as relates to the Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials of their Parishes.
- 2. A correct copy of each of said Registers A, B, C, D, E, F, G, Copies of cer-25 H, I, J, K, L, M and N shall be made by such person as the Governor tain Registers in Council may appoint, and the correctness of the said copy shall be to be made. certified by the said Secretary of the Archbishopric of Quebec, and shall afterwards be numbered and authenticated by a Judge of the Superior Court in the ordinary way.
- 3. The copy, so numbered and authenticated, of each of said Regis-Copies to be ters shall be considered, for all purposes whatsoever, as being in lieu authenticaof the duplicate required by law; and any copy of any entry respecting therefrom, any Marriage, Baptism or Burial, made and certified by the said Secre-duly certified, tary of the said Archbishopric from the original of the Registers men- to be valid. 35 tioned in the first section of the present Act and remaining in the Ar-

chives of the said Archbishopric, or by the officer hereinafter-named, from the authentic copy delivered into his office, shall be a prima facie proof of the facts therein alleged, and shall be received in all Courts of Justice and have the same force as any copy made of similar entries by

04 a Parish Priest from the Register of his Parish.

Certain copies to be delivered to bec and Kamouraska respectively.

4. The authentic copy of register A, containing entries from the second day of February one thousand six hundred and eighty, to the the Prothono- twenty-third day of January, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven. taries of Que- made at la Cote St. Jean, Jerusek, Beaubassin, Rivière St. Jean, Rivière des Mères, Ste. Famille of Pabos, La Grande Rivière, Gaspé and other 5 localities from Echedeck to the Kamouraska, Petcoudiac and Chypondy, shall be delivered by the said Secretary of the said Archbishopric of Quebec into the office of the Prothonotary of the Superior Court for the district of Kamouraska; the copy of Registers B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J. K. L. M and N. containing entries, from the fourth day of June, one 10 thousandseven hundred and fifty-nine, to the twenty second day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, made at Tadoussac, Islets Jérémic, Chicoutimi, Seven Islands, Portneuf, Mingan, St. Augustin, Louramane, the Postes du domaine du Roi or Postes du Roi, Labrador, the Cote du Nord from River St. John to l'Ance au Blanc Sablon, and other 15 places on the North Shore, and St. Dunstan of Lake Beauport, shall be delivered by the said Secretary into the office of the Prothonotary of the Superior Court for the District of Quebec; and the said Prothonotaries, in so far as the said copies so delivered into their respective offices are concerned, shall have the same powers and duties as they have in so far 20 as relates to other Registers of Marriages. Baptisms and Burials delivered into their offices.

As to Registers kept at Grosse Isle.

5. The Registers that shall be kept, after the passing of this Act, at Grosse Isle, by Missionaries or Priests of the Church of Rome shall be delivered, as usual, a duplicate into the office of the Protonotary of the 25 Superior Court at Quebec, and the other into the office of the Secretary of the said Archbishopric, and the powers hereby given to the said Secretary and to the said Protonotary shall also extend to the Registers hereafter kept at the said Grosse Isle.