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3rd Session, 6th Parliament, 23^d Victoria, 1860.

'BILL.

An Act to remove doubts concerning the validity of Marriages solemnized in Lower Canada by the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, and for other purposes.

(PRIVATE BILL)

Received and read, 1st time, Tuesday, 27th March, 1860.

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MR. MCGEE.

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An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of Marriages solemnized in Lower Canada by the Religious Society of Friends commonly called Quakers, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the validity of certain Marriages solemnized in Lower Canada between persons professing the Religious Faith of the Society of Friends commonly called Quakers, and it is necessary to remove all such doubts; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c.,
5 enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. All Marriages heretofore solemnised in Lower Canada according to the rites, usages and customs of the Religious Society of Friends commonly called Quakers, and all Marriages hereafter to be solemnised in Lower Canada between persons professing the Faith of the said Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers; or of whom one
10 may belong to that denomination, shall be held, and are hereby declared to be valid to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Quakers Marriages in L. C. declared valid.

All the provisions of the Act of the Parliament of Lower Canada passed in the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of King George the Third and chaptered four, and of the Legislature of Lower Canada passed in
15 the second year of Her Majesty's Reign and chaptered four, amending the Act first mentioned, in so far as the same are applicable, are hereby extended to, and declared to be binding upon the said Religious Society of Friends commonly called Quakers.

Acts of L. C. 35 G. 3. c. 4, and 2 V. c. 4. declared binding on Quakers.

II. The Registers directed to be kept by the said first mentioned Act, shall be kept, and the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials required to be enregistered therein, shall be so enregistered by the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, and in his absence by the Clerk of the Preparatory Meeting of the Members of the said Religious Society of Friends, as
25 the case may be, under the penalties in the said Act provided.

Registers to be kept by Clerk, &c., penalty.

III. Any act or duty, or other matter or thing, apart from the act of celebrating Marriage, or administering Baptism, required in and by the said Act to be done or performed by any Priest or Minister, shall be done and performed by the said Clerk of the Monthly or Preparatory
30 Meeting as aforesaid.

And certain other things to be done by him.

IV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Public Act.