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An Act to remedy, as far as possible, the inconvenience which might otherwise arise from the destruction of the Registers of the Parish of St. Louis de Lotbinière.

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An Act to remedy, as far as possible, the inconvenience which might otherwise arise from the destruction of the Registers of the Parish of St. Louis de Lotbinière.

WHEREAS it appears that on the fifteenth day of December last the sacristy of the Parish of St. Louis de Lotbinière, in the County of Lotbinière, was destroyed by fire, and the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials performed in the said parish were totally destroyed, with the exception of those for the period between the year 1846 and the date of the said fire, which, though saved, were nevertheless greatly damaged, and it is expedient to remedy, in so far as may be possible, the great inconvenience which might otherwise arise from the destruction or partial destruction of the said registers; and whereas the Reverend E. Faucher, who is now and hath been, from a period prior to the first day of January, 1850, Rector (*Curé*) of the said Parish, and by whom almost the whole of the entries in the said register for the year 1850 were made, hath, from the portions thereof which have escaped destruction and other information, and from his own personal knowledge of the facts, made up a Register, extending from the first of January, 1850, to the date of said fire, which he believes to be in all material points correct: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That the said Reverend E. Faucher shall, as far as it may be possible for him so to do, complete the register so by him made as last aforesaid, and shall authenticate the same by his signature as having been made under the authority of this Act, and as being, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true copy, in every material point, of the register of the baptisms, marriages and burials performed in the said Parish, from the first day of January, 1850, to the end of the said year, and having so completed and authenticated the said register, shall make a duplicate thereof and authenticate the same in like manner, and shall cause both duplicates to be numbered and authenticated by one of the Judges of the Superior Court in the manner by law required, and shall then deposit one duplicate thereof in the Prothonotary's Office of the Superior Court at Quebec, and the other shall be kept in the archives of the *fabrique* of the said Parish, and either of the said duplicates, or extracts

Rev. E. Faucher to make up a Register for 1850, from the best information he can procure, and the same or extracts therefrom to be *prima facie* evidence.

therefrom made and certified by the Rector (*Curé*) of the said Parish for the time being, or other person having the legal custody of such duplicate, or by the said Prothonotary, shall be *primâ facie* evidence of the facts therein stated. 5

Prothonotary at Quebec to make copies of the Registers up to the end of 1849, and deliver them to the Rector of the Parish, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the Prothonotary of the Superior Court at Quebec shall make, in books authenticated by one of the Judges of the said Court, in the manner by law required with regard to books in which registers of baptisms, marriages and burials are to be 10 kept, true copies of the registers of the said Parish of record in his office, up to the end of the year 1849, and shall attest the same as true copies by his signature, and deliver them to the Rector (*Curé*) of the said Parish for the time being, or other person entitled to the 15 custody of the registers of the said Parish, to be kept in the archives of the *fabrique* thereof; and extracts from such copies, made and certified by the Rector (*Curé*) of the said Parish for the time being, or other person having the legal custody of such copies, shall be *primâ facie* 20 evidence of the facts therein stated.