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No. 308.

3rd Session, 5th Parliament, 20 Victoria, 1857.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to confirm the children of Jean
Baptiste Gatien and Monique Audon, in
the possession of the property forming the
succession of their father and mother.

Received and read, first time, Monday 4th
May, 1857.

Second reading, Tuesday, 5th May, 1857.

MR. BUREAU.

TORONTO:
PRINTED BY JOHN LOVELL, YONGE STREET.

An Act to remove doubts as to legitimacy of the children
of the late Jean Baptiste Gatien and Monique Audon.

WHEREAS the late Jean Baptiste Gatien in his life time, of the Parish Preamble.
of Ste. Philomene, in the District of Montreal, Yeoman, and the
late Marie Audon, both died in the said Parish, after having cohabited
for a period of fifty-six years, and lived as man and wife, and after having
had several children; and whereas doubts have arisen as to validity of their
marriage and the legitimacy of the children, issue of the same, in conse-
quence of their being unable to procure certificates of the said marriage,
and it is just to remove these doubts and to maintain the said children
in the possession of the estate and property of their said parents; There-
fore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. Marie Louise Gatien, Jean Bte. Gatien, Justine Gatien, wife of Jean
Marie Herbert, Henry Gatien, Felicite Gatien, wife of Charles Mathien.
Marie Angelique Gatien, widow of the late Louis Courtemanche, and Jean
Stanislas Gatien, the only living children, issue of the marriage of the late
Jean Baptiste Gatien and Marie Audon shall be maintained in the posses-
sion of all the estate and property, whereof the said late Jean Baptiste
Gatien and Marie Audon respectively, died possessed, and which belonged
to them at the time of their death, and in respect whereof they died intest-
ate.

The children
of the said Ga-
tien and his
wife, shall ob-
tain their pro-
perty.

II. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.