

of the Code of Civil Procedure, are declared to be sufficient and valid, provided that all other formalities required by law in respect of such sales have been duly complied with.

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## C H A P. 71

### An Act to amend article 44 of the Civil Code

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

**H**IS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

C. C., art. 44, replaced. **1.** Article 44 of the Civil Code, as it is contained in article 5779 of the Revised Statutes, 1888, is replaced by the following:

Registers,  
by whom  
kept.

“**44.** The registers are kept by the rector, assistant, (*vicaire*), priest or minister doing the parochial or clerical duty in the churches, congregations or religious communities, or by any other officer entitled so to do.

In the case of Roman Catholic and Church of England churches, private chapels or missions, they are kept by any priest authorized by competent ecclesiastical authority to celebrate marriages or administer baptism and perform the rites of burial.”

Certain  
marriages  
validated.

**2.** All marriages celebrated by a priest or minister who fulfilled at the time the requirements of article 44 of the Civil Code as hereby amended, are declared to have been celebrated by one authorized so to do.

Coming into  
force.

**3.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

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## C H A P. 72

### An Act relating to the proof of the death of certain soldiers

[Assented to, 4th of March, 1919]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS, during the course of the present war, numerous persons forming part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force have died on active service in England and in foreign countries;

Whereas in certain cases it is impossible to make proof of the death of such persons, either by the production of a burial certificate or by the evidence of those who were witnesses of the death, on the battlefield or elsewhere;

Whereas the military authorities make investigations according to the formalities required by the provisions of the order of the Governor-General of Canada in Council of the 6th of January, 1916 (P. C. No. 2890), to establish the death of soldiers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in England and abroad;

Whereas it is expedient that the document certifying to the death of any such soldier, signed by any of the persons hereinafter mentioned, shall establish, failing proof to the contrary, that the soldier therein named died while on active service in England or abroad;

Therefore His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**1.** A certificate in writing, signed by the Director of Pay and Record Services of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces, or by the Director or other head of the Record Office at the Military Headquarters, Ottawa, or by any other officier designated by the Governor-General of Canada in Council for that purpose, stating that the person named in the certificate was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and died while overseas, shall establish, until proof is made to the contrary, the death of such person, for all purposes to which the authority of the Legislature of this Province extends.

**2.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

## C H A P. 73

An Act to validate certain notarial deeds

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

**W**HEREAS a considerable number of wills have been received without mention being made of the reading thereof, as required by article 843 of the Civil Code, to the great injury of the interested parties;

Therefore His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows: