

C H A P. 156

An Act relating to the keeping of registers and performing of acts of civil status by pastors, ministers and missionaries of Baptist Churches.

[Assented to 19th February, 1914]

WHEREAS William E. Muir, O. C. S. Wallace, D.D., Preamble.
and W. G. Rickert, all of the city of Westmount, in the district of Montreal, have by their petition represented that there are certain restrictions upon the right of Baptist pastors, ministers and missionaries to perform acts of civil status and to keep registers of civil status in this Province; and that certain doubts exist as to the legality of acts of civil status heretofore performed and registers of civil status heretofore kept by Baptist pastors, ministers and missionaries in this Province, and have prayed for the passing of an act to remove such restrictions and doubts, and to give effect to the acts of civil status heretofore performed and the registers of civil status heretofore kept by such pastors, ministers and missionaries in this Province, notwithstanding the failure of such pastor, minister or missionary to fulfil all the conditions required by the acts of the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada 3 William IV, chapter 29, and 6 William IV, chapter 49, and notwithstanding the fact that such pastor, minister or missionary may not have been a British subject, and that the registration of any such births may not have been accompanied by baptism;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in the said petition;

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

1. It has always been, is and shall be lawful for any Baptist pastor, minister or missionary who has been ordained Ministers &c., to have according to the customs of such Baptist churches, right to keep of or in connection with any Calvinist Baptist society, registers of church or congregation, Free-will Baptist society, acts of civil church or congregation or Baptist society, church or congregation, all commonly known and denominated as "Baptist churches", having a church or churches under his care in the Province of Quebec, or for any such pastor, minister or missionary for the time being doing pastoral work in connection with any Baptist church or churches according to the rules and regulations of the Baptist churches, to perform acts of civil status and keep registers duly au-

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thenticated according to the laws of this Province, of all births, marriages and burials performed by or taking place under the ministry of such pastor, minister or missionary, and such acts of civil status and the registration thereof have had and shall have the same effect at law to all intents and purposes as those performed and kept by any minister in the Province of Quebec of the churches of England or Scotland, and this notwithstanding the failure of any such pastor, minister or missionary to take the oath of allegiance or to give security as provided under the acts of the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada, 3 William IV, chapter 29, and 6 William IV, chapter 49, and notwithstanding the fact that any such pastor, minister or missionary may not be, or may not have been a British subject, and notwithstanding that the registration of any such births may not have been accompanied by baptism.

Must depo-
sit certificate.

2. Provided always that no such pastor, minister or missionary shall be entitled to claim and receive an authenticated register until he shall have deposited with the prothonotary of the Superior Court in the district where he shall be exercising his ministry in this Province, a certificate signed by the moderator or secretary of the association of Baptist churches within the bounds of which association his church or churches may be situated, to the effect that he is an ordained pastor, minister or missionary in good standing, and that he has been duly appointed to be the pastor, minister or missionary of one or more Baptist churches.

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force.

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

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An Act to incorporate the "Hebrew Children's fresh air fund of Montreal".

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Preamble.

WHEREAS David Hillel Bernstein, Samuel Ortenberg and Charles Joseph Gross, physicians; Hyman Schleifer, George Rabinovitch, Jacob Besner, Michael Flanders, H. M. Levinoff, Samuel Rabinovitch, Max Rabinovitch and Julius Nathan Newman, agents; Samuel Bazar, Moses Zelicovitch, Isaac Cohen, Julius Gittleson and Abraham L. Gittleson, merchants; Rubin Brainin, editor, and Hyman Wolofsky, publisher; all of the city and