

shall be *prima facie* evidence of the sending of such notice, and the cost of the sending shall be borne by the debtor in default."

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

CHAP. 36

An Act to supply the loss of certain registers of civil status for the parish of St. Damien de Bedford in the county of Missisquoi

[Assented to 4th June, 1910]

WHEREAS on the 14th day of February, 1909, a fire destroyed the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials of the parish of St. Damien de Bedford in the county of Missisquoi for the period from the 1st day of January, 1909, to the 14th day of February of the same year both inclusive, and whereas it is in the public interest to supply the loss of the said registers; Preamble.

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

1. The *curé* now in office of the parish of St. Damien de Bedford, and every person who may replace him in the office of *curé*, shall, during the whole period for the execution of the provisions following, be a commissioner entrusted with the task of ascertaining all the baptisms, marriages and burials which have taken place in such parish from the 1st day of January, 1909, to the 14th day of February of the same year both inclusive, and of making entries in two new registers authenticated in conformity with article 1311 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Curé of St. Damien de Bedford, commissioner for certain purpose.

2. The commissioner, in a public written notice, shall cause the object of this act to be known, and shall invite all persons interested, or who may be in a position to supply the loss of the original registers, to appear at the time and place specified in such notice, and to bring with them and produce any extract or certificate of baptisms, marriages or burials, made during the period mentioned in section 1 of this act, and all family records or memoranda which they may possess of such baptisms, marriages or burials, or to give testimony under oath, in respect of all information which they themselves possess, or which may be required from them. Notice by commissioner.

Administration of oath. The commissioner is authorized to administer the oath required, to all persons who may be so interrogated.

Entries in new registers. **3.** On proof made under oath by one or more witnesses, or on any other evidence, establishing that a baptism, marriage or burial has taken place in such parish, during the period hereinabove mentioned, the commissioner shall make an entry thereof in new registers, and each entry shall be signed by the commissioner and by the witnesses interrogated under oath. If the latter cannot sign, mention thereof shall be made.

Mention of certain evidence. Mention shall also be made of any extract or other proof in writing produced by the witnesses.

Marking of registers. **4.** The commissioner, after having completed his registers, shall mark each of them, as follows: "New register of baptisms, marriages and burials of the parish of St. Damien de Bedford, for the period from the 1st day of January, 1909, to the 14th day of February of the same year, both inclusive, made in conformity with the law."

Certain registers authentic. **5.** The registers mentioned in section 4 shall be authentic, and shall have, to all intents and purposes, the same force and effect as if they had been made at the time and in the form required by law.

Certain evidence not affected. **6.** Nothing in this act shall prevent the proof, according to law, of any baptism, marriage or burial, which has taken place during the period mentioned in section 1 of this act and which could not be proved and entered in virtue of this act.

Coming into force. **7.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 37

An Act to supply the loss of certain registers of civil status for the parish of St. Gabriel de Brandon

[Assented to 4th June, 1910]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS on the 22nd day of June, 1909, a fire destroyed the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials of the parish of St. Gabriel de Brandon, for the period between the 1st day of January, 1909, and the 22nd day of June of the same year, as well as the duplicate registers of baptisms, marriages and burials for the two years 1907 and 1908; and whereas it is in the public interest to supply the loss of the said registers and duplicates;