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An Act to legalize a certain register of Civil Status

[Assented to 14th March, 1907]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the register of civil status has been kept by the priest duly empowered by competent ecclesiastical authority to solemnize marriage, to administer baptism and to perform the rites of burial, in charge of Trinity Church in the city of Quebec, but the said register was not authenticated in the manner required by the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure; and whereas a large number of families are interested in having the said register legalized and it is expedient to provide for the legalization and authentication thereof;

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

Register of civil status for Trinity Church Quebec, may be initialed, &c., by proper officer. &c.

1. The register of civil status kept in Trinity Church, Quebec, since the 13th day of May, 1894, by a priest of the church of England in Canada duly empowered by competent ecclesiastical authority to solemnize marriage, to administer baptism and to perform the rites of burial, may, and shall upon being presented for that purpose (notwithstanding that such register has been used) be numbered, initialed and attested by the proper civil functionary, in the same manner and with the same effect as if the said register had not been previously used. The certificate of the bishop shall be sufficient evidence of any priest having been duly empowered as above mentioned.

Compliance with above will legalize register *ab initio*.

2. Whenever the provisions of the preceding section shall have been complied with in respect of such register, such register and any extract therefrom shall be deemed and held to be authentic and to be as legal and valid as if they had been made and kept in accordance with all the requirements of the law.

Act merely legalizes register.

3. This act shall have no other effect than that of legalizing the register already kept in the manner hereinabove provided.

Coming into force.

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