

any of the other provinces of Canada, wherein such institutions incorporated in the Province of Quebec may exercise the same rights."

3. Saving pending cases, any institution or corporation or loan and investment society duly incorporated under the laws of the Legislature of any of the other provinces of Canada, wherein such institutions incorporated in the Province of Quebec may exercise the same rights, which has hitherto done such loaning and investment business in this province, and which shall, within one year from the coming into force of this act, obtain the license referred to in the said articles 5470 and 5472 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby declared to have always had and to have lawfully exercised all the powers and privileges enumerated in article 5472 of the Revised Statutes.

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

CAP. XLVII

An Act respecting certain Immigrant children.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Where the words following occur in this act, they shall be construed in the manner hereinafter mentioned, unless a contrary intention appears :

(a) The word : " child " or " children " shall mean a person or persons under eighteen years of age, immigrants to this Province ;

(b) The word : " society " shall mean any individual or association of individuals, whether incorporated or unincorporated, undertaking the care, training, reformation or education of orphan, neglected or dependent immigrant children in the Province, or the placing out of such children in foster homes, or the apprenticing of such children to any trade or industry, or other work of a similar character, and shall include a branch or agency of any such society ;

(c) The word : " agent " shall include the superintendent or other officer of any society to which this act applies, and also any person who, for reward or otherwise, places or undertakes to place immigrant children in foster homes or as apprentices to any trade or industry or other work of a similar character or to procure them to be so placed ;

(d) The word : " Commissioner " shall mean the Commissioner of Colonization and Mines.

Certificate to
be obtained
by society.

2. Every society, before placing children in the Province, shall lay before the Lieutenant-Governor its objects and method of work, also the class of immigrants it proposes to bring into the Province ; and, on satisfying the Lieutenant-Governor that it is proposed to immigrate only children of good morals, the Lieutenant-Governor may grant the said society a certificate authorizing it to place children in the Province as aforesaid.

Registration
of names of
agents, &c.

3. Every society must register the name of its agents and visitors in the office of the Commissioner.

Agents to be
provided with
certificates.

4. All agents must be provided with certificates from the society countersigned by the Commissioner, attesting that they are such agents.

Home to be
provided by
society.

5. Every society approved by the Lieutenant-Governor shall provide a permanent Home or shelter in the Province, to which the children may be returned.

Record to be
kept by soci-
ety.

6. Every society shall keep a record in writing shewing :
(a) Full name of every child placed in the Province by the society ;

(b) Approximate age and date of birth of every child ;

(c) Date on which the child was brought into the Province and of his placing ;

(d) Name and address of every person having, from time to time, the custody of the child ;

(e) The principal terms and conditions entered into on placing out any such child.

Record to be
open to in-
spection.

The record shewing these particulars shall be open to the inspection of any person authorized for that purpose by the Commissioner.

Each child to
be visited once
a year by soci-
ety's agent,
&c.

7. It shall be the duty of the society to cause a personal visit to be made to each such immigrant child, once a year, by an authorized agent or visitor ; and a record of the visits with date must appear in the books of the society.

Powers of
principal officer
over child.

8. The principal officer of every society, shall, with respect to a child, to whom this act applies, have all the powers and duties conferred or imposed by law upon tutors.

Fine upon soci-
ety, &c.,
placing chil-
dren without
having ob-
tained certifi-
cate.

9. Every society, whether incorporated or not, which places children in the Province, without having previously obtained the certificate mentioned in section 2 of this act, is liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and not less than twenty-five dollars.

Fine, &c.,
upon person

10. Every person acting as agent of a society, without holding the certificate mentioned in section 4 of this act, is

liable to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars and not less than five dollars, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days and not less than fifteen days. acting without certificate.

11. Any society placing any child of known vicious tendencies, or who has been an inmate of a reformatory, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and not less than twenty-five dollars; and the agent or officer of such society who has placed such child shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and not less than ten dollars, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment not exceeding six months and not less than one month. Penalty for placing out vicious child, &c.;

12. Every agent and society, placing out any child who, from defective intellect or physical infirmity, is unable to follow any trade or calling, shall be obliged to return such child to the place whence he came, within a year from the date of immigration. Imbecile, &c., children.

13. In case any person, who has received any child from a society or agent, is unwilling or unable to carry out the agreement entered into by him with the society or agent, he shall, at his own expense, return such child to the Home provided by the society; and any such person who abandons such child or refuses to return him to the Home shall be liable to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars and not less than ten dollars, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment not exceeding three months and not less than one month. Children to be returned to Home in certain event. Penalty for not so returning child.

14. Any person enticing a child from the custody of the agent or of any person to whom the agent has entrusted such child shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment not exceeding three months. Penalty for enticing children.

15. The provisions of the Criminal Code, 1892, respecting summary convictions before justices of the peace, shall apply to prosecutions under this act. Law applicable to prosecutions.

16. The Commissioner may, at any time, recommend the Lieutenant-Governor to revoke the certificate of any society found guilty of a violation of this act or which, upon proof before him, is found guilty of negligence in the performance of any duty imposed by this act. Revocation of certificate.

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

CAP. XLVIII

An Act to amend the Civil Code respecting the replacing of registers of civil status which have been lost or destroyed.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Art. added to C. C. after 78h.

1. The following article is added to the Civil Code after article 78h, as enacted by the act 60 Victoria, chapter 50, section 3 :

Provision for loss of duplicate of register.

“78i. Whenever the duplicate register intended for deposit in the office of the prothonotary of the Superior Court, has been lost or destroyed in whole or in part, the officer charged with keeping the same shall, upon a resolution of the *fabrique*, trustees or religious community interested, establishing such loss or destruction, make, in a register numbered and initialed as provided in the Code of Civil Procedure, a *fac simile* copy of the whole or any part of the sole existing duplicate of such register in his possession, and shall certify to the same under oath before the prothonotary.

Effect of deposit of copy, &c.

Such copy shall thereupon be and remain deposited in the office of the prothonotary and shall have the same effect as the duplicate lost or destroyed.”

Coming into force.

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

CAP. XLIX

An Act to amend article 1220 of the Civil Code.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

C. C., 1220, amended.

1. Article 1220 of the Civil Code is amended by adding, after the first clause of paragraph 6, the following paragraph :

Copies of certain documents certified by notary.

“7. Copies duly certified by a notary in the Province of Quebec of all the writings and documents above enumerated which have been previously deposited with such notary.”