

CAP. XCVII.

An Act to give civil effects to the marriage between Aimé Bourassa and Dame Purissima Robert.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-sixth of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, Aimé Bourassa, bur-gess, of the village of Laprairie, in the district of Montreal, was married to Dame Purissima Robert, then widow of Auguste Bourassa, brother of the said Aimé Bourassa, and whereas their marriage was preceded by a marriage cove-nant between the parties, by deed before H. A. A. Brault, notary, on the twenty-fifth October aforesaid ;

Whereas the said marriage was contracted after obtaining, from the competent religious authority, the dispensation rendered necessary by the affinity between the parties, in consequence of the former marriage of the said Dame Purissima Robert with the said late Auguste Bourassa ;

Whereas the said marriage was contracted in good faith by the parties, who were ignorant of the prohibitive provi-sions of the law respecting them ;

Whereas the said marriage, which is valid from a reli-gious point of view, might however give rise to litigation as regards its civil effects ;

Whereas a child has been born of such marriage ;

Whereas, in order to remove all doubts, it is expedient to come to the relief of the parties, by giving their marriage a civil effect, and by rendering the covenants contained in their marriage contract valid ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and con-sent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Marriage and marriage covenants de-clared to have civil effect of lawful union.

1. The marriage contracted by Aimé Bourassa and Dame Purissima Robert, on the twenty-sixth of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, as well as the marriage contract made by them before H. A. A. Brault, notary, on the twenty-fifth of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, have had, since the celebration of the said marriage, and have, as regards both the consorts and the children born and to be born, all the civil effects of a lawful union.

Gifts, &c., to be deemed to apply to child-ren issue of marriage.

2. All gifts, whether *inter vivos* or by will, made or to be made to the children and lawful descendants of the said Aimé Bourassa or of the said Dame Purissima Robert, shall be deemed to be made and to apply to the children issue of the said marriage.

Coming into force.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc-tion.