

CAP. LI.

An Act to legalize certain registers of civil status kept by the Catholic missionary of Natashkouan, on the Labrador coast.

[Assented to 30th December, 1890.]

WHEREAS, in the year 1882, registers of civil status Preamble. were voluntarily kept by the Reverend J. A. Chalifour, priest and missionary of Natashkouan, for the Catholic mission of St. Samuel de la Tabatière, and of Notre Dame de Natashkouan and other neighbouring places, on the Labrador coast, and whereas the said missionary has been quite unable, owing to the entire absence of means of communication with the proper civil officers, to comply with the requirements of the law respecting the authentication of such registers, as he himself states on the first leaf thereof ;

Whereas a certain number of families are interested in having such registers legalized ;

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

1. The registers of civil status, voluntarily kept by the Reverend J. A. Chalifour, priest and missionary of Natashkouan, in the year 1882, for the Catholic mission of St. Samuel de la Tabatière, and for the mission of Notre-Dame de Natashkouan and other neighbouring places, on the Labrador coast, and attested by the certificate and signature of the said Reverend J. A. Chalifour, may be authenticated by the prothonotary of the Superior Court in the city of Quebec. Certain register of civil status may be authenticated.

Such legalization shall be effected, as regards each duplicate of the registers, in the manner determined by article 1236 of the Code of Civil Procedure, as contained in article 6014 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec. How to be effected.

One of the duplicate originals shall remain in the hands of the prothonotary and the other in the hands of the missionary of the place above mentioned ; and any extract from either of such originals, certified by the said prothonotary or by the said missionary, shall be deemed and considered authentic and shall be evidence of the contents thereof, without any other proof being necessary. Deposit of originals. Validity of copies, &c

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