

CAP. XLI.

An act to amend chapter 18 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting the erection of Parishes.

[Assented to 31st October, 1879.]

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

Parishes for
R C minorities.

Name.

Mode of
erecting such
parishes.

Ste. Bridgide
of Montreal,
excepted.

Nationality
determined.

Annexation
of parishion-
ers to a
neighbouring
parish.

Act in force.

1. Whenever in a Roman Catholic parish or in two or more neighbouring Roman Catholic parishes, there exists a Catholic minority speaking a language different from that of the majority, such minority or a portion of such minority, may be erected into a distinct parish for all temporal purposes of their religion, and shall constitute a corporation under the name of: "Congregation of the Catholics of _____, speaking the _____ language.

2. The erection of such minority or portion of such minority into a separate parish, shall be made in the manner determined by chapter 18 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, except that the freeholders shall be replaced by the heads of families belonging to the nationality of such minority; excepting however the parish of Ste. Bridgide of Montreal, to which the provisions of the act of this province, 39 Vict., Chaps. 35 and 36, relative to the erection of certain parishes therein mentioned, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the said parish congregations.

3. The head of the family shall determine the nationality to which his family belongs, and no change from one parish to another shall be allowed, except when approved by the Diocesan Ordinary.

4. The Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese in which such congregations shall exist, may annex thereto the parishioners of a neighbouring parish speaking the same language who shall demand to be thus annexed.

5. The present act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.