

## CAP. XIX.

An Act respecting the interment in roman catholic cemeteries.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to prevent all conflict between the ecclesiastical and civil authority, respecting roman catholic cemeteries in this province; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Interment of  
rom. cath. re-  
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lig. authority.

**1.** It belongs solely to the roman catholic ecclesiastical authority to designate the place in the cemetery, in which each individual of such faith shall be buried after death; and if the deceased, according to the canon rules and laws, in the judgment of the ordinary, cannot be interred in ground consecrated by the liturgical prayers of such religion, he shall receive civil burial, in ground reserved for that purpose and adjacent to the cemetery.

Act in force.

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

## CAP. XX.

An act respecting the compilation of statistics of births, marriages and causes of death in the Province.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Compilation  
by the Dept.  
of Ag. and P.  
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**1.** The department of agriculture and public works, shall make and publish annually, a compilation of births, marriages and deaths, and also of the various diseases and causes of death in this province, by means of such information as it shall obtain under the following sections.

Blanks sent  
to prothono-  
taries.

**2.** The commissioner of agriculture and public works, shall, from time to time, transmit to all the prothonotaries of the superior court in this province, blanks or forms of information to be filled in and completed with the number of births, marriages and deaths and with that of the diseases and causes of death.

Distribution  
by them.

**3.** On receipt of such blanks or forms, each prothonotary shall be bound to transmit a sufficient number of copies thereof to all persons who, in the district, are authorized

by law to keep registers of the acts of civil status, and to all owners or administrators of cemeteries in such district.

4. Every person authorized to keep a register of the acts of the civil status and every owner or administrator of a cemetery, shall fill up and complete the blanks or forms of information which shall have been transmitted to them, and return them during the first six weeks of every year to the prothonotary of the district, who shall be bound to forward them without delay to the commissioner of agriculture and public works.

Blanks fulfilled, where and when forwarded.

5. In case of an epidemic, should the lieutenant-governor so order by a proclamation to that effect, such blank forms shall be transmitted direct to the department of agriculture and public works, by those who shall have filled them up, and thus within the time specified in the proclamation.

Case of an epidemic.

6. In localities where a cemetery is common to several parishes, the forms shall not be filled up, in so far as the deaths, diseases and causes of deaths are concerned, except by the owners or administrators of such cemetery.

If a cemetery is common to several parishes.

7. The father, or in case of his death or absence, the mother of every child born, who shall not have caused such child to have been baptized or who, as in the case of persons of a creed other than the roman catholic one, shall not have caused the birth of such child to be registered by those persons authorized to keep a register of the acts of civil status, shall be bound to have the birth of such child registered within four months from the date of its birth, at the office of the secretary-treasurer or of the clerk of the municipality or city wherein is situate his domicile, or else with the nearest justice of the peace.

If the children are not baptized.

Such justice of the peace shall, during the two first weeks of the month of January in each year, make to the secretary-treasurer or to the clerk of the municipality or city, his annual report of the births by him registered under the preceding section.

8. Every secretary-treasurer or clerk of a municipality or city, in whose office such births or reports of birth shall have registered shall each year, in the month of January, transmit a statement of such births to the department of agriculture and public works.

Duty of the clerk or secretary-treasurer.

9. Any contravention to any one of the provisions of the two foregoing sections shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Penalty.

10. This act shall come into force the day of the sanction thereof.

Act in force.