

When the delay begins to run.

**1.** The delay of two years granted by article 2172 of the civil code, as amended by the Act 35 Vict., chap. 16. for the renewal of the registration of hypothecs required by such article 2172, is declared to run, and shall in future begin to run, from the day fixed for the coming into force of the provisions of article 2168 of the civil code, in the proclamation to that end issued.

Pending causes.

**2.** This act shall not affect pending causes.

## CAP. XXVII.

An Act to supply the loss of certain Registers of Acts of Civil Status, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, in the County of Rouville.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS on or about the sixth of November, 1875, the duplicates containing the original registers of the baptisms, marriages and burials of the parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, in the county of Rouville, for the current year (1875), whereof one contained the acts of baptisms, marriages and burials of such parish, for the months of November and December, 1874, have been secretly removed from the *sacristie* of such parish, and whereas there is reason to believe that they have been burned, which may be the occasion of serious injury to divers families and individuals; and whereas it is expedient to remedy the disappearance of such registers; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Duty of the prothonotary

**1.** It shall be the duty of the prothonotary of the superior court, at St. Hyacinthe, to cause a faithful transcript to be made in a book authenticated, in accordance with article 1236 of the code of civil procedure, of all entries of baptisms, marriages and burials, for the months of November and December, 1874, contained in the duplicate registers of civil status of the parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, for the year 1874, now deposited in the archives of his office.

His certificates.

**2.** Such officer shall, under his own hand, certify each of such entries, as being a true and faithful copy of the corresponding entry of the duplicate in his possession, and afterwards shall forward such book to the *curé* of the parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, to form part of the archives of such parish.

3. Such book shall be marked by the prothonotary as follows: "New duplicate of the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, &c., (as the case may be), of the parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, for November and December, 1874, made in conformity with the act 39 Vict., chap. 27." Designation of the book.

4. The *Curé* now in office of the parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, and his vicars, as shall all such persons as may replace them in the office of *curé* or vicar, shall during the whole period for the execution of the provisions following, be commissioners entrusted with the task of ascertaining all the baptisms, marriages and burials which have taken place in such parish from the first day of January, 1875, to the day of the disappearance of the registers, and of making entries in the new authenticated duplicates, in conformity with article 1236 of the code of civil procedure. The *curé* and vicars are commissioners.

And each of such persons may act alone for the purposes of this act.

5. One of such commissioners, in a public written notice, shall cause the object of this act to be known, and shall invite all persons interested, or who may be in a position to supply the loss of the original registers, to appear at the time and place specified in such notice, and to bring with them and produce any extract or certificate of baptisms, marriages or burials, made during the period mentioned in section four, and all family records or memoranda which they may possess of such baptisms, marriages or burials, or to give testimony under oath, in respect of all information which they themselves possess, or which may be obtained from them. Notice required.

Each commissioner is authorized to administer the oath required, to all persons who may be so interrogated. Oath.

6. On proof made under oath by one or more witnesses, or on any other evidence, establishing that a baptism, marriage or burial has taken place in such parish, during the period hereinabove mentioned, the commissioner shall make an entry thereof in two registers, and each duplicate inscription shall be signed by the commissioner and by the witnesses interrogated under the oath. If the latter cannot sign, mention thereof shall be made. Entry of acts established.

Mention shall also be made of any extract or other proof in writing produced by the witnesses. Signature.

7. The commissioners, after having completed their registers, shall mark each of them, as follows: "New duplicate of the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials of the parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, for 1875, made in conformity with the act 39 Vict., chap. 27." Mentions required.

Deposit of duplicates.

8. One of such duplicates shall be lodged in the office of the prothonotary of the district, and the other shall remain among the archives of the parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*.

Authenticity of registers.

9. Each of the duplicates or registers specified in sections 3 and 7 of this act, shall be authentic, and shall have for all purposes whatsoever, the same force and effect, as if it had been made at the time, and in the form required by law.

Other proof allowed.

10. Nothing in this act contained shall prevent the proof, in any manner permitted by law, of any baptism, marriage or burial, which occurred during the period hereinabove mentioned, and which could not be proved and entered under the authority of this act.

Act in force.

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

## CAP. XXVIII.

An Act to remove doubts respecting the authenticity of certain registers of acts of civil status, in the county of Rimouski.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, in authenticating certain registers destined for acts of civil status, in the office of the circuit court sitting at Matane, in the county of Rimouski, the seal of such court was not affixed thereto, and whereas doubts have arisen in respect thereof, and it is expedient to remove such doubts; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Prothonotary bound to affix the seal.

1. The prothonotary of the superior court, in and for the district of Rimouski, upon presentation of any register of civil status, which appears to have been authenticated in the office of the clerk of the circuit court sitting at Matane, by the clerk or deputy clerk, without however having been sealed with the seal of the court, shall be bound to affix the seal of the superior court on each such register, in the manner prescribed by the article 1236 of the code of civil procedure.

Duty of the custodians of the registers

2. Every custodian of any register in the condition specified in the preceding section, shall be bound to present such register to the prothonotary, and to require the affixing of the seal thereon, in the manner herein-