

coroners, and bailiffs of the superior court, under the laws in relation to the same, whether such security must be given in place of any other, or by reason of a new appointment to any of such offices, shall in future be given exclusively under the authority of the act thirty-second Victoria, chapter nine.

certain officers shall be given under 32 V., c. 0.

2. The foregoing section shall be without prejudice to the provisions of law respecting such officers, in so far as the same relate to the amount of security to be furnished, to the delays within which it shall be given, and to the penalties imposed for the neglect to furnish such security, provided that such provisions be consistent with those of this act.

Without prejudice to previous laws as to amount of security, &c.

3. The securities to be given by the officers hereinafter mentioned, shall, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, be for the amounts following, that is to say :

Amount of security to be given by certain officers.

1. By the sheriff of the district of Montreal, twelve thousand dollars ; by the sheriff of the district of Quebec, eight thousand dollars ; by the sheriff of the district of Three Rivers, four thousand dollars ; and by the sheriffs of the other districts, two thousand dollars each ;

2. By the prothonotaries of the superior court for the districts of Quebec and Montreal, four thousand dollars each ; and by those of the other districts, two thousand dollars each ;

3. By the clerks of the circuit court, six hundred dollars each.

C A P . X V I .

An Act respecting Registers of Civil Status.

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

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

1. Every Roman catholic priest empowered by competent ecclesiastical authority to solemnize marriage, to administer baptism or to perform the rites of burial, for any particular church, or chapel, or throughout any mission, shall be entitled to keep registers of civil status, for such church, chapel or mission, and shall be deemed and held to be so entitled to keep the same and to have the same duly numbered, initialed and attested according to law.

Certain R. C. priests authorized to keep registers of civil status.

2. Such priest, on presenting the duplicate register in order to have the same authenticated according to law,

Applicant for authentication of register to

produce the authorization of the bishop.

shall exhibit, if thereunto required, to the judge, prothonotary or clerk to whom he applies for such authentication, the authorization or certificate of authorization, or the letter of mission or of appointment given to him by the bishop, and empowering him to solemnize marriage, administer baptism or perform the rites of burial for such church, chapel or mission.

Such registers shall be kept in duplicate

3. Every priest who shall have obtained authentic registers under this act shall keep them in duplicate, shall deposit one duplicate every year as required by law, and the other duplicate, which he shall retain, shall belong to the church or chapel, for which it was obtained and kept.

Certain portions of C. C. and C. C. P. to apply to such registers.

4. The provisions of the second title of the first book of the civil code, "of acts of civil status," as amended by the act of this province, thirty-second Victoria, chapter twenty-six, and the first chapter of the first title of the third part of the code of civil procedure, as also amended by the said last mentioned act, shall apply, in so far as they may consistently with this act, to the persons hereby empowered to keep registers, and also to the registers kept by them, in accordance with this act.

Where registers obtained for missions shall be deposited, and who may authenticate extracts therefrom.

5. In the case of registers being applied for under this act for the use of any mission, they shall be granted under such name as the bishop shall have mentioned for that purpose in his certificate, and the duplicate retained annually by the priest, shall be deposited at the bishoprick of the diocese to which the mission belongs; and for the purpose of authenticating copies or extracts from any such register and for all other purposes connected with such register, the bishop or his secretary shall be deemed and held to be the legal depositaries thereof.

Preamble.

6. And whereas certain duplicate registers of civil status have been kept by priests duly empowered by competent ecclesiastical authority to solemnize marriage, to administer baptism or to perform the rites of burial, but the said registers were not authenticated in the manner required by the civil code and the code of civil procedure; and whereas a large number of families are interested in having the said registers legalized, and it is expedient to provide for their legalization and authentication; therefore, it is hereby further enacted as follows:

Mode of authenticating certain registers hitherto kept but not authenticated.

7. Any register or registers of civil status hitherto kept in any Roman Catholic church by any Roman Catholic priest duly empowered by competent ecclesiastical authority to solemnize marriage, to administer baptism or to

perform the rites of burial may, and shall, upon being presented for that purpose (notwithstanding that such registers have been used,) be numbered, initialed and attested by the proper civil functionary in the same manner and with the same effect as if the said registers had not been previously used, and one duplicate thereof may in like manner and with the like effect be deposited with and received by the proper civil functionary; and a certificate of the bishop shall be sufficient evidence of any priest having been duly empowered as above mentioned.

8. Whenever the provisions of the preceding section shall have been complied with in respect of any register, such register and any extract therefrom shall be deemed and held to be authentic, and to be as legal and valid as if they had been made and kept in accordance with all the requirements of the law.

Such registers shall thereupon be authentic.

9. The word "Bishop" means the ordinary of the diocese, or his vicar general, or the administrator of the diocese.

Meaning of the word "bishop."

10. This act shall have no other effect than those of authorizing authentic registers to be kept and of legalizing those already kept, in the cases and in the manner hereinabove provided for, and shall have no other legal consequences, nor shall it in any wise affect, beyond its direct intent, the present civil position of parishes or *fabriques* now in existence.

This act shall not affect the rights of any existing parish or *fabrique*.

11. This act shall come into force on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Coming into force of this act.

C A P. X V I I .

An Act further to amend the law respecting the Sale of the Property of Minors.

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

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

1. The act of this province, thirty-fifth Victoria, chapter seven, shall hereafter be read and interpreted as if each of the terms "immovable," "immovables" and "immovable property" included, and they shall hereafter be held to include, any capital sums belonging to minors or other persons incapable of acting for themselves, and all shares or

Interpretation of certain words of ch. 7, of 35 Vic.

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