

The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the fourth session of the of the Special Council, begun and holden at the City of Montreal, in the said Province of Lower Canada, fourteenth day of February, 1839. Quebec: John Carleton Fisher & William Kemble, Law Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1839.

2 Victoria – Chapter 4 (Session 4)

An Ordinance to facilitate the manner in which Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, shall in future be numbered and authenticated, in the Province of Lower Canada.

Whereas it is expedient to change the manner in which the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in this Province, are numbered and authenticated, and to make other provision with respect to the same:—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, “An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada;” —And it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Ordinance, the Registers which are now by Law required to be made and kept of the several Baptisms, Marriages and Burials within this Province, shall, and may be numbered and authenticated in the manner hereinafter mentioned and directed; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every such Register shall be numbered on the first and every subsequent leaf, by the number thereof written in words at full length, and shall be sealed with the Seal of the Court of King's Bench or Provincial Court for the District in which such Register is to be kept, which sealing shall be effected by passing a ribband or other sufficient fastening through every leaf of such Register, and by bringing the ends of such ribband or fastening out and securing them under the seal of such Court, inside of the binding or cover of such Register, and that such Register shall be authenticated on the first page thereof by an attestation of any Judge or Justice who by Law is authorised and empowered to authenticate the same, specifying the number of the leaves contained in such Register, the purposes for which it is intended, and the day and year of sealing, and of making such attestation, which shall be signed at full length by the Judge or Justice making the same.

III. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every such Register shall be kept and deposited, in like manner as Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials were by Law required to be kept and deposited before the passing of this Ordinance, and the entries therein, and the copies thereof, when duly certified, shall have the same authenticity, force and effect in Law as if such Registers had been authenticated (paraphe) on every leaf thereof, with the initials of a Judge, as heretofore used and observed in this Province.

J. COLBORNE.

Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, and passed in Special Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Government House in the City of Montreal, the twenty-first day of February, in the second year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Special Council.