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The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the sixth session of the of the Special Council, begun and holden at the City of Montreal, in the said Province of Lower Canada, fifth day of November, 1840, and ending the ninth day of February, 1841. Quebec: John Carleton Fisher & William Kemble, Law Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1841.

4 Victoria – Chapter 23 (Session 6)

An Ordinance to extend the provisions of a certain Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes for civil purposes to Parishes canonically erected before the passing of the said Ordinance.

Whereas the provisions made in and by a certain Ordinance passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes, and the building of Churches, parsonage houses and church yards," for the legal erection of Parishes for civil purposes, do not extend to parishes erected and constituted by canonical decree and for ecclesiastical purposes, before the time of the passing of the said Ordinance; and whereas it now appears that many parishes which had been so erected as aforesaid, for ecclessiastical purposes, had not at the time aforesaid been legally erected for civil purposes, and it is expedient and necessary to extend to such parishes the provisions of the said Ordinance;—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of this Province of Lower-Canada, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of this Province, constituted and assembled by virtue 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 also by virtue and under the authority of a certain other Act of the same Parliament passed in the Session held in the second and third years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for making temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada," and also by virtue and under the authority of a certain other Act of the same Parliament, passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower-Canada, and for the Government of Canada;" and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the authority of the same, and by virtue of the powers in them vested by the said Acts of Parliament, that all the provisions and enactments of the Ordinance herein first above cited, concerning the erection of Parishes for civil purposes, and the powers thereby vested in the Governor of this Province, and in the Commissioners appointed under the authority of the said Ordinance, shall be and are hereby extended to and may be exercised with regard to parishes erected and constituted before the passing of the said Ordinance, by canonical decree, and according to the ecclesiastical laws and forms followed and in use in the diocese of Quebec or of Montreal, in as full, ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes, as if the said parishes had been respectively so constituted by canonical decree after the passing of the said. Ordinance, and under the provisions and enactments thereof; and a Proclamation or Proclamations for erecting such parishes, or any of them for civil purposes, and for confirming, establishing and recognising the boundaries thereof may issue accordingly, and

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shall avail as a legal erection and, confirmation of such parish or parishes, for all civil purposes whatsoever.

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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 Sixth day of February, in the Fourth 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 forty-one.

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