

Anno Undecimo VICTORIÆ Reginae.

CAP. LXII.

An Act in addition to an Act, intituled *An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province.*

Passed 30th March 1848.

‘ **W**HEREAS it is deemed reasonable and just that the authorized Ministers of other Religious Denominations in this Province should enjoy equal privileges in the solemnizing of Marriage with the Ministers of the Churches of England, Scotland and Rome;’

Preamble.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, all Ministers of the New Brunswick Wesleyan District, all Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick adhering to the Westminster Standard, all Ministers of the Baptist Church in connexion with the New Brunswick Baptist Association, all Ministers of the Independent or Congregational Church in connexion with the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and all Ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, being British Subjects, and not engaged in any secular calling, and having charge of a Congregation, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in virtue of their ordination respectively, to solemnize Marriage within this Province, agreeably to the forms and usages of their respective Churches or Denominations; provided always, that immediately upon any person being hereafter ordained in this Province, as a Minister of and in any of the said Denominations, and being a British Subject, such ordination shall be certified by the person or persons performing the same, and such certificate shall be forthwith transmitted to the Secretary of the Province; and also provided, that upon any ordained Minister of any of the said Denominations arriving in this Province, and being associated with the resident Ministers thereof, a Certificate signed by any two of such resident Ministers, certifying his ordination and connexion with their Denomination, shall be forthwith transmitted as aforesaid to the Office of the Provincial Secretary.

Ministers of certain religious denominations authorized to solemnize Marriage agreeably to the forms of their respective denominations.

Certificates of Ordination to be transmitted to the Provincial Secretary's Office.

II. And be it enacted, That any Minister so certified as aforesaid shall immediately upon the receipt of such Certificate at the Office of the Provincial Secretary as aforesaid, be fully authorized and empowered to solemnize Marriage within this Province, and shall continue so authorized and empowered so long as he may remain in connexion with the Denomination with which he may be associated at the time of such Certificate as aforesaid.

Authority aforesaid vested in the said Ministers upon receipt of the said Certificate.

III. And be it enacted, That in the event of any Minister so authorized as aforesaid, leaving or being expelled from the Denomination to which he may belong when so authorized as aforesaid, the same shall be forthwith notified in writing, signed by two of the Ministers of the Denomination to which such Minister may belong, to the Provincial Secretary, and upon receipt of such notification, the said power and authorities of such Minister shall cease and determine.

Authority aforesaid to cease on any Minister leaving or being expelled from his denomination.

IV. And be it enacted, That every Marriage to be solemnized under this Act shall be subject to all the provisions, and every person or persons concerned therein shall be subject to all the pains and penalties prescribed in and by the

Marriages solemnized under this Act to be subject to the Act 4 W 4, c 46.

second, third and fourth sections of an Act made and passed in the fourth year of the Reign of King William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province*, in the same manner and to the same extent in every respect as if such Marriage had taken place by a Minister regularly licenced to celebrate and solemnize Marriages under the authority of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, as therein mentioned.

Suspendig clause.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto first had and declared.

[*This Act was specially confirmed, ratified and finally enacted by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 27th day of June, 1848, and published and declared in the Province, the 19th day of July, 1848.*]

CAP. LXIII.

An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled *An Act to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Branches thereof.*

Passed 30th March 1848.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company have actually commenced the construction of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and it hath been deemed advisable further to encourage the said undertaking, and thereby lead to a more speedy completion of the work, by increasing the rate of interest on a portion of the capital sum to be invested in the undertaking, for the payment of which the faith and credit of this Province stands pledged, and to extend the period of time during which such increased interest shall be paid;

Rate of interest for which the Province stands pledged by Act 10 V. c 84, increased to six per cent. per annum.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the rate of annual profit or interest for which the faith and credit of the Province stands pledged to the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company, by the fifth section of an Act made and passed in the tenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Branches thereof*, shall be increased from five per centum, per annum, to six per centum, per annum, on such capital sum, not exceeding the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, as may be invested in the undertaking aforesaid; and that the faith and credit of the Province shall stand pledged and hereby is pledged to the said Company to make up and pay any deficiency of the clear profits arising from the traffic of merchandize and passengers, and otherwise, on the said described Rail Road and its Branches, whereby the said Company may realize a less annual profit than six per centum on the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, expended in the undertaking, agreeably to the terms, conditions and specifications of the fifth section of the said Act of Assembly hereinbefore mentioned.

Term of years during which the guaranteed rate of interest is to be paid increased to 25 years.

II. And be it enacted, That the term of years during which such deficiency of annual profit or interest shall be made up and paid by this Province to the extent of six per centum, per annum, on such capital sum of not exceeding one hundred thousand pounds, as shall be invested in the said undertaking, shall be extended from the term of ten years, mentioned in the sixth section of the Act for facilitating the construction of the said Rail Road hereinbefore mentioned, to the term of twenty five years; and that during the said term of twenty five years, the said deficiency, if any, shall be made good by this Province, and shall be paid

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