

CAP. CXXXV.

An Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seigniory of Yamaska to regulate the Common of the said Seigniory.

[30th August, 1851.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to revive and to continue for a limited time the Act hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Act of the Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the third year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled, *An Act to enable the inhabitants of the Seigniory of Yamaska to provide for the better regulation of the Common of the said Seigniory*, the duration whereof was limited to the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, shall be and is hereby revived, and shall, until repealed or altered by competent authority, be in full force and effect as if herein repeated and re-enacted: Provided always, that the first meeting for the election of a Chairman and five Trustees shall be held on the first Monday in September next after the passing of this Act, but such Chairman and Trustees shall go out of office on the first Monday in May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, on which day and on the first Monday in May in each second year thereafter, a Chairman and Trustees shall be elected in the manner provided by the said Act.

Act of L. C. 3 Geo.
4. c. 18, revived.

Proviso: when the
first election shall be
held.

CAP. CXXXVI.

An Act to provide for the Erection of Parishes, for Civil Purposes only, in the Seigniory of Argenteuil, in Lower Canada.

[30th August, 1851.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears that there are in the Seigniory of Argenteuil, in the County of Two Mountains, in Lower Canada, tracts of land of considerable extent which, in consequence of their being inhabited chiefly by Protestants, cannot be erected into separate Parishes under the provisions of the Ordinances of the Legislature of Lower Canada, and Acts of the Parliament of this Province, concerning the Erection of Parishes and the Building of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Church Yards in Lower Canada; And whereas, from their extent it is just that such tracts should be set apart as Parishes for Civil Purposes only, and that their inhabitants should not be deprived of the Municipal Rights and other advantages conferred by law on Parishes erected under the Provisions of the above mentioned Ordinances and Acts, and on Townships in the said portion of the Province: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That whenever it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that there is in the Seigniory of Argenteuil aforesaid, any tract of land having a population of six hundred souls or upwards, and the majority of the inhabitants of such tract being Protestants, shall, by petition to the Governor, represent the fact, and shall pray that such tract be erected into a Parish for Civil Purposes, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to order that such tract, with the boundaries and by the name to be assigned to it in such Order, shall upon, from and after a day to be therein named, be a Parish for

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for all Municipal and other Civil Purposes whatsoever, which such tract shall accordingly be, and shall not thereafter be included or remain, for Municipal or other Civil Purposes, in any Parish erected under the above mentioned Ordinance, or any other Law; and such Order in Council shall be published in the *Canada Gazette*: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall make any such tract a Parish for Ecclesiastical Purposes, or confer any Ecclesiastical Right, Power, or Jurisdiction; nor shall this Act prevent any such tract from being thereafter included or from remaining for Ecclesiastical Purposes in any Parish erected under the said Ordinance, or any other Ordinance or Law.

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An Act to remedy, as far as possible, the inconvenience which might otherwise arise from the destruction of the Registers of the Parish of St. Louis de Lotbinière.

[30th August, 1851.]

WHEREAS it appears that on the fifteenth day of December last, the Sacristy of the Parish of St. Louis de Lotbinière, in the County of Lotbinière, was destroyed by fire, and the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed in the said Parish were totally destroyed, with the exception of those for the period between the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six and the date of the said fire, which, though saved, were nevertheless greatly damaged, and it is expedient to remedy, in so far as may be possible, the great inconvenience which might otherwise arise from the destruction or partial destruction of the said Registers; And whereas the Reverend E. Faucher, who is now and hath been, from a period prior to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, Rector (*Curé*) of the said Parish, and by whom almost the whole of the entries in the said Register for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty were made, hath, from the portions thereof which have escaped destruction, and other information, and from his own personal knowledge of the facts, made up a Register, extending from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, to the date of the said fire, which he believes to be in all material points correct: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Reverend E. Faucher shall, as far as it may be possible for him so to do, complete the Register so by him made as last aforesaid, and shall authenticate the same by his signature as having been made under the authority of this Act, and as being, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true copy, in every material point, of the Register of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed in the said Parish, from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, to the end of the said year; and having so completed and authenticated the said Register, shall make a Duplicate thereof and authenticate the same in like manner, and shall cause both Duplicates to be numbered and authenticated by one of the Judges of the Superior Court in the manner by law required, and shall then deposit one Duplicate thereof in the Prothonotary's Office of the Superior Court at Quebec, and the other shall be kept in the Archives of the *Fabrique* of the said Parish, and either of the said Duplicates, or Extracts therefrom, made and certified by the Rector (*Curé*) of the said Parish for the time being, or other person having the legal custody of such Duplicate, or by the said Prothonotary, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated.

Preamble:

Rev. E. Faucher to make up a Register for 1850, from the best information he can procure, and the same, or extracts therefrom, to be *prima facie* evidence.