

XXII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the several Acts and parts of Acts in the first Section of this Act mentioned, any certificate fee that shall have been paid, and any certificate that shall have been taken out for the year commencing in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts and parts of Acts so hereby repealed, shall avail to the benefit of the Attorney or Solicitor who shall have paid and taken out the same respectively, for the year commencing with the first day of Michaelmas Term, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, as if such payment had been made and such certificate taken out in Michaelmas Term in that year, under and according to the provisions of this Act.

Present certificates to remain valid, &c.

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An Act to remove doubts respecting certain Marriages in Upper Canada.

[Assented to 30th May, 1855.]

WHEREAS doubts have arisen respecting the legality of certain Marriages heretofore contracted and solemnized by certain Ministers in Upper Canada after the passing of the Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, eleventh George the Fourth, chapter thirty-six, and before such Ministers had obtained Licenses from the Quarter Sessions, as provided for by the said Act: 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 intitled; *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, as follows:

Preamble.

Act of U. C. 11 G. 4, c. 36.

I. The Marriage or Marriages of all persons, not being under any canonical disqualification to contract Matrimony, which had been publicly contracted in Upper Canada before any Minister or Ministers who were, before the passing of the above recited Act, allowed to solemnize Matrimony, and before such Ministers had obtained a License from the Quarter Sessions as above provided, are hereby declared to have been valid, and shall be considered as good and valid in law: And the parties to such Marriages, and the issue thereof, shall be entitled to all the rights, and subject to all the obligations resulting from such Marriages and consanguinity; any law, or usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Marriages by Ministers qualified but then without license made valid.

Rights of parties and issue.