

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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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 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, as follows:

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.