

*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 authorize the keeping of separate Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Parish Churches of Notre-Dame of Montreal, of Notre-Dame of Quebec, and St. Roch of Quebec, and in the other Churches depending thereof, (*succursals d'icelles.*) Assented to 30th May, 1855.**

Whereas the great number of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials with in the Parish of Notre-Dame of Montreal, and in the Parishes of Notre-Dame of Quebec and St. Roch of Quebec, necessitates further provisions to facilitate their regular registration: 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. From and after the first day of July next, it shall be lawful for the *curé* of each of the said Parishes of Notre-Dame of Montreal, of Notre-Dame of Quebec, and of St. Roch of Quebec respectively, or for any vicar or other priest, ministering in any of the Churches depending upon the said Parish Churches respectively, to keep registers therein for the registration of certificates (*actes*) of Baptism, Marriage and Burial.
- II. The said certificates may be registered in one register only or in separate registers, one of which shall be kept for certificates of Baptism, one for certificates of Marriage, and a third for certificates of Burial, the whole in accordance with the formalities required by Law.
- III. Any extract from such registers, certified by the *curé* or other priest administering such Church, shall be deemed authentic.