## MARRIAGE VALIDATING ORDINANCE 1913.\*

An Ordinance for the validating of certain Marriages in the Northern Territory.

WHEREAS on the seventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirteen the Governor-General in Council approved of the enrolment of Albert Ernest Lapthorne, of Darwin, in the Northern Territory, as an Officiating Minister under the Marriage Act 1867 of South Australia (hereinafter called the said Act):

And whereas by an instrument under his hand dated the second day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirteen the Governor-General appointed Albert Ernest Lapthorne as an Officiating Minister under the said Act:

And whereas the said Instrument was duly enrolled in accordance with the said Act on the sixteenth day of August One thousand nine hundred and thirteen:

And whereas the said Albert Ernest Lapthorne celebrated certain marriages after the seventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirteen and before the sixteenth day of August One thousand nine hundred and thirteen:

And whereas it is desirable that the said enrolment shall be deemed to have been effected on the seventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and that the marriages performed by the said Albert Ernest Lapthorne after the said seventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirteen and before the sixteenth day of August One thousand nine hundred and thirteen shall be deemed to be valid:

Be it therefore ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Northern Territory Acceptance Act 1910, and the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Marriage Validating Ordinance 1913.\*

Date of enrolment of Officiating Minister. 2. Albert Ernest Lapthorne, of Darwin, in the Northern Territory, shall be deemed to have been duly enrolled on the seventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirteen as an Officiating Minister authorized to celebrate marriages in the Northern Territory under the *Marriage Act* 1867 of the State of South Australia.

3. Any marriage celebrated by the said Albert Ernest Legality of Lapthorne after the seventh day of May One thousand nine marriages. hundred and thirteen and before the sixteenth day of August One thousand nine hundred and thirteen and which would have been valid if the said Albert Ernest Lapthorne had been duly enrolled during that period as an Officiating Minister under the Marriage Act 1867 of the State of South Australia shall be deemed to have been legally celebrated.