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1 William IV – Chapter 3

An Act to amend an Act passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missiskoui, and to extend the provisions of the said Act." (31st March, 1831.)

Whereas it is expedient to amend a certain Act passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missisquoi, and to repeal a certain section of the said Act":—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the eleventh section of the said Act, passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, and intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missiskoui," which said section is in the words following: "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every Registrar for each of the aforesaid Counties, shall keep duplicate copies of all such books and alphabetical indexes, as are directed to be kept for each of the Counties aforesaid, by this Act, which every such Registrar or his deputy or clerk, shall on before the thirty-first day of December, in each and every year, convey or cause to be conveyed to the office of the Provincial Secretary, for such purposes as to Justice it may appertain," shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person owning or claiming to own any landed or immoveable property whatsoever, situate within any of the said Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missiskoui, by virtue of any Act or Deed in Law, or instrument in writing, executed before the passing of the Act herein cited and amended, except the Letters Patent of His Majesty, shall before the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, enregister the same in the Registry office of the County in which such land or immoveable property shall be situate, and every such legal instrument which shall not be so enregistered shall be utterly void and of no effect whatsoever against subsequent purchasers for a valuable consideration.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all the provisions of the Act herein before cited and amended, shall extend to all such lands and other immoveable

property as are or shall be hereafter held in free and common soccage in the Counties of Ottawa, Beauharnois, and Megantic.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, no act or deed in law, or instrument in writing, by which a Mortgage or hypothèque has been or is created, shall bind or effect as a Mortgage, incumbrance or hypothèque, nor shall any Act, Deed, or Instrument in Law, operate or bind as a conveyance, any land or immoveable property situate within any of the said Counties of Ottawa, Beauharnois, and Megantic, save and except all such land or immoveable property as is or may be held en titre de fief within the same, unless the said Act, Deed or Instrument in Law be enregistered in the Registry Office for the County in which the said land or immoveable property is situate, within one year from and after the passing of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and no longer.