

*The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the first session of the of the Special Council, begun and holden at the City of Montreal, in the said Province of Lower Canada, the eighteenth day of April, 1838.* Quebec: John Carleton Fisher & William Kemble, Law Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1838.

1 Victoria – Chapter 4 (Session 1)

**An Ordinance to continue certain Acts of the Legislature of this Province, relating to the Establishment of Registry Offices.**

Whereas it is expedient to continue a certain Act of the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada, passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missisquoi," in so far as the same is now in force; and another Act of the same Legislature, made and passed in the first year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "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 Missisquoi,'" and to extend the provisions of the said Act and also another Act of the same Legislature, made and passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missisquoi, to lands held in free and common soccage in the Counties of Two Mountains and Acadie," which would otherwise expire on the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight:—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, authorized to execute the Commission of the Governor thereof, with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada;"—And it is hereby Ordained and Enacted, by the authority of the same, that the said Act of the Legislature of the said Province, intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missisquoi," in so far as the same is now unrepealed and in force, and the said Act of the same Legislature of the said Province, intituled, "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 Missisquoi,' and to extend the provisions of the said Act," save and except the second section of the said last-mentioned Act; and also the said Act of the same Legislature, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford and Missisquoi, to lands held in free and common soccage in the Counties of Two Mountains and Acadie," which said Acts would otherwise expire on the first day of May now next ensuing, shall severally continue to be in force, until the first day of November, which will be in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and no longer.

Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to continue the second section of the said Act secondly above mentioned, passed as aforesaid, in the first year of His said late Majesty William the Fourth, which said second section is in the words following, to wit:—

“And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person owning or claiming to own any landed or immovable property whatsoever, situate within any of the said Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missisquoi, by virtue of any Act or Deed to 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 immovable 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.”—

But that the said section of the said Act, from and after the first day of May next, shall expire and cease to have any force or effect whatsoever.

J. COLBORNE.

Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, and passed in Special Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Government House, in the City of Montreal, the twenty-sixth day of April, in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

By His Excellency's Command,  
Wm. B. LINDSAY,  
Clerk Special Council.