

Reign, intituled, *An Act to allow Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends, in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge*,—and the Acts passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, respectively, *An Act to explain the Act to allow Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends, in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge, and for other purposes*,—and *An Act to regulate the proceedings in cases of voluntary Licitation*: 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. That in all cases and matters, in which the law allows a Judge in Lower Canada to delegate the power to receive the counsel and advice of relations and friends, any Notary in Lower Canada, may, without being thereunto previously authorized by a Judge, call and preside at such meetings of relations and friends, administer the requisite oaths, and receive the counsel and advice of such relations and friends, but a report of all such proceedings shall be made to the proper Judge, for homologation, if the same ought to be homologated; the formalities prescribed by the Acts above cited, and the requirements of law being observed, in so far as may not be inconsistent with this Act.

Notaries may call Meetings without being authorized by a Judge, on certain conditions.

C A P. X V I I I .

An Act to amend the Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in Lower Canada.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

WHEREAS no provision is made by law for filling up the places of Councillors going out of office, in Village, Town or Borough Municipalities, which refuse or neglect to proceed to the Election of other Councillors within the period fixed by law, and it is necessary to remedy such omission: 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 :

Preamble.

In default of the Council, any three Electors may call a Meeting for Election of Councillors to fill vacancies.

I. In any Village, Town or Borough Municipality, which has omitted or neglected or shall omit or neglect to proceed within the period fixed by law, to the Election of new Councillors to fill the places of those going out of office, any three Electors of such Municipality may and are hereby authorized to call, by public notice, in the manner prescribed by the laws now in force, a meeting of the Electors of such Municipality, to be held at the usual place of meeting of the Municipal Council, for the purpose of proceeding to such Election; and the Councillors so elected and the said Municipality shall have the same rights, powers and authorities, which they would have had if the said Election had taken place within the time required by law; Provided always, that for every such Election which should have taken place before the passing of this Act, the notice above mentioned shall be given within the six months following the passing of this Act, and not afterwards.

Proviso.

Proceedings at such Election.

II. Such Election shall be had at the time and place appointed therefor, in the same manner as if it had taken place at the time appointed by law.

All former Elections declared valid notwithstanding certain technical defects.

III. All Elections of Councillors before the passing of this Act, in any Village, Town or Borough Municipality, made after the expiration of the period limited by the laws then in force in Lower Canada, and with regard to which the formalities prescribed and appointed by law were not observed, shall be and are hereby declared valid and legal to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and all By-laws and Orders, and generally all proceedings whatever, of the Councils of such Municipalities, shall be as valid and shall by virtue of this Act have the same force and effect as if the said Elections had been made within the period limited by the law, and with all the formalities thereby required.

Pending proceedings not affected.

IV. Nothing contained in this Act shall be held in any manner to affect any judicial proceeding pending at the time of the passing of this Act, which proceedings shall be determined and decided as though this Act had not been passed.

Extent of Act.

V. This Act shall extend only to Lower Canada.

C A P . X I X .

An Act to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in Lower Canada.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS in consequence of the large number of Shareholders in the Quebec Building Society, exceeding six hundred, it is expedient to amend the Act which was passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in Lower Canada,*

12 V. c. 57.