

the same County, or with the Board of Notaries for the District.

Certain Notaries to have a preference as Depositees.

4. That in every case the Notary with whom such deposit shall be made, shall be preferably chosen from among those who shall be landholders, and shall reside in the same Parish, Seignior, or Township, in the County of the Notary who shall be deceased or absent, or shall have resigned, or have been removed from office, 10 or shall be a Notary who shall have a fire-proof vault or place in which to keep the minutes so deposited; according to the order to be made by a Judge of the District, upon the opinion to be given, with the reasons on 15 which it is grounded, by the Board of Notaries.

Penalty on Notaries, &c, contravening this section.

5. That any Notary who shall remove from one District to another, or shall voluntarily cease to practise, or the heirs and legal representatives of every Notary deceased, interdicted, or absent from the Province, or having otherwise ceased to practice, who shall fail or delay to comply with the requirements of this Act, shall be condemned to 25 pay a fine of *ten pounds* currency for every month during which they shall so delay, reckoning from the day on which he or they shall be called upon to make such deposit:

Proviso; if the depositor resumes his practice.

Provided, that when any Notary so interdicted, absent, or ceasing to practise, for whatsoever reason, shall be re-admitted to practise, it shall be lawful for him to resume possession of his Records; and that every Notary who shall have voluntarily 35 ceased to practise, shall have the like right:

Proviso, for 32, re-examination in certain cases.

Provided also, that any Notary, who shall have been absent from the Province more than ten years, without having, during that time resided within the same two years at least, 40 shall not upon his return, resume his practice until he shall have undergone an examination respecting his moral character and ability, to the satisfaction of the Board of Notaries for the District in which he intends to reside. 45