

shall be made of the fact, and such *procès verbal* shall be signed by the Surveyor, and by the chain-bearers; and if the chain-bearers are unable to sign, two witnesses shall sign, to attest the signatures of the parties, after having first been read aloud in the presence of the parties signing the same, all which facts shall be mentioned in the *procès verbal*; and he shall preserve the same, as a minute of which he shall give copies to the parties concerned; and he shall not enter any interlineations, nor make any erasure in his minutes, nor in the copies thereof, but shall mention the number of words struck out, and also the number of marginal references in each of his minutes, or copies of *procès verbaux*, which references shall, in the minute, be signed with the initials of the parties, chain-bearers or witnesses, and Land Surveyor, or of such of them as can sign, and in every copy by the initials of the Land Surveyor, otherwise they shall be null and void.

Recital.

*Procès verbaux* not according to law to be valid if substantially correct.

XX. And whereas many *procès verbaux* of survey, in Lower Canada, have been drawn up in a manner substantially correct, but not in the precise form required by the Acts then in force, and law-suits and vexatious proceedings might arise out of the same,—therefore, any *procès verbal* now existing in Lower Canada, which shall substantially contain such particulars as may be requisite for the full understanding of the survey or operation to which it relates, and of the doings of the Surveyor, and the intentions of the parties interested, with regard to the same, shall be held to be authentic and valid, and shall have effect according to the tenor thereof, whatever may be the form in which the same may have been drawn up.

Measure for land in Lower Canada.

XXI. The measure for land in Lower Canada, shall be the same as was before the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, in all grants of Seigniories, and in the concessions which have been therein made up to the present time; but in the Townships of Lower Canada, the measure for land shall be English measure.

Surveyors using other boundary marks than those mentioned in sec. 18, to pay a penalty.

Surveyors to collect minutes of *procès verbaux* and to make an index to them.

XXII. Any Land Surveyor who shall, in Lower Canada, after the passing of this Act, put, as evidence or indication of his boundary marks, under such boundary marks, any other matter than is mentioned in the eighteenth section of this Act, shall, for each offence, incur a penalty of *twenty dollars*.

XXIII. Every Land Surveyor practising in Lower Canada, shall collect, and place in regular and due order, all and every the minutes of *procès verbaux* that may have been, or may be drawn up by him, in the order of time in which such *procès verbaux* may have been drawn up; and shall collect and put up minutes of his *procès verbaux* of every year, with a sufficient index, in such a manner as to enable him readily to give copies of the same when required by the parties interested.

Surveyors dying, &c., their papers to be delivered to the Sec. Treas.

XXIV. When any Land Surveyor shall die or leave the Province, his registers, minutes, plans, and other papers relative to his professional acts, and signed by him and other parties interested, shall be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Land Surveyors of Lower Canada, to be by him deposited among the public documents of the said Body, for the benefit of all persons therein concerned, who shall have free access thereto; and the said Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver