

Fourth—It is complex; and by the increase in the number of registries, the investigation of title is constantly becoming more difficult and complicated.

That your Petitioners have been informed that for the last twenty-five years there has been in operation in Australia a system of Land Transfer known as "The Torrens System," whereby titles are rendered indefeasible, and as good as if held directly by patent from the Crown; and land has been made as easily transferable as a share in a bank or incorporated company.

That your Petitioners are most desirous that a similar system be introduced into this Province as speedily as possible.

Your petitioners therefore pray:

That your Honorable House will be pleased to take into your favorable consideration any measure having for its object the simplification of the Laws for the transfer of Land; and if it shall be found that the Torrens System has proved successful in Australia, to adopt the same to the requirements of this Province.

And further, that such amendments be made in the Laws respecting Real Estate, and the tenure thereof, as may be necessary to secure the effective administration of the proposed new system.

Signed,

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Signed,

C. RISELAY,
Warden.

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MEMORIAL. *RE* EXEMPTIONS.

To the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario, in Parliament Assembled:

The Memorial of the County of Welland

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That in the opinion of the Council of the County of Welland, the stock of all incorporated bodies ought to be assessed at its cash value against the individuals owning the same, who are residents of this