

BILL.

An Act to enforce the Registration of all Titles to Lands
in the Townships of Lower Canada.

WHEREAS there are in the Townships of Lower Canada, large Preamble.
Tracts of Wild Land which have been granted by Letters Patent
from the Crown, but for which there is no known legal owner, or for
which, if the name of the legal owner be known, yet there is no means
5 of ascertaining where such owner can be found or by whom he is
represented in this Province, so that Municipal Officers, intending
Settlers and others, who may have occasion to apply to the owners
of such Lands or their agents, cannot ascertain to whom or at what
place such application is to be made, and the said Lands remain waste,
10 uninclosed and uncultivated, and the roads upon them, or to the main-
tenance of which they ought to contribute, remain unmade, or after being
made by others, or at the public expense, are allowed to be out of re-
pair and unpassable, to the manifest inconvenience of the public, the great
injury of the Settlers on adjacent Lands, and the retardment or pre-
15 vention of the settlement of the Country, while there are persons who
would be willing to purchase such Lands at a fair price, and to settle
upon and cultivate the same, and to perform all public duties in respect
thereof; And whereas many persons have in good faith settled upon Lands
which from want of all accessible information to the contrary, they believed
20 and had reason to believe to belong to the Crown, but which had in fact
been granted, thereby losing years of labour, and being in many cases ut-
terly ruined;—for remedy of the evils hereinbefore stated; Be it enacted, &c.,

That every person or party being, or claiming to be the owner of
any Lot, half Lot or piece of Land in any of the Townships in Lower
25 Canada, on which Lot, half Lot, or piece of Land there is not at the time
of the passing of this Act, an inhabited house occupied by such owner or
claimant, or by some person for him, and acknowledging him as the
owner thereof, shall, within one year from and after the first day of
January, 1853, file with the Registrar of Deeds for the County or divi-
30 sion of a County for Registration purposes, in which the Land so owned
or claimed by him shall lie, a schedule signed by him or his Attorney,
and either made before a Notary, or before two witnesses one of whom
shall swear to the execution before some Circuit Judge, and contain-
ing his christian and surnames at full length, and a list and sufficient
35 description of all the Lands owned or claimed by him within such
County or Division of a County, and stating also his place of residence,
if within Lower Canada, and if not, then naming some person resident
within the same, whom he authorizes to act for him as his agent in all
40 matters and things whatsoever relative to his said Lands, and to receive

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