

## An Act in relation to the organization of the Notarial Profession.

**W**HEREAS the happiness of families in a great measure depends upon the Notarial profession, and it is important that the practice of the said profession should be carefully regulated: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

5 I. It shall be lawful for any Notary who shall have changed his domicile, to deposit in the office of any other Notary residing in the place of the domicile he shall have left, the minutes of the acts which he shall have passed while practising in the said place. Notary leaving his domicile, may deposit minutes there.

10 II. The said deposit shall continue until the decease of one of the said Notaries, or until the Notary with whom such minutes shall have been deposited abandons his domicile. Duration of such deposit.

III. The said Notaries shall be at liberty to make such agreements and stipulations as they may think proper, but they shall be jointly responsible for the said minutes during the continuance of such deposit. Agreement, responsibility, &c.

15 IV. The Notary with whom the deposit is made shall represent the Notary who shall have confided to him the keeping of his minutes, in all the duties imposed upon him by his profession, and he shall have the same power to deliver and certify copies and extracts of and from the said minutes as the Notary who shall have passed the instruments. Power of Notary keeping the minutes.

20 V. From and after the 1st January, 1858, Notaries shall be bound within the first two months of each year to deposit with the Board of Notaries of their District, a duplicate certified by them of the repertory of the instruments of which they have kept minutes or delivered *en brevet* which they shall have passed in the course of the preceding year, accompanied by a declaration that all the Instruments subject to that formality  
25 passed during the said period have been signed by a colleague, under a penalty of ten dollars for every month's delay, such penalty to be recoverable before any Court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of the Secretary of the Board of Notaries within the jurisdiction of which the  
30 contravention shall have occurred, and such fund shall be added to the general fund of the said Board. Notaries to file a copy of their repertory yearly to the Board of Notaries.

VI. This Act shall apply only to Lower Canada.

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