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An Act to compel persons claiming Lands under Patent in the Townships of Lower Canada, to register their claims to the same; and to provide for the settlement of such of the said Lands as shall remain unclaimed after a certain time, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

**W**HEREAS there are in the Townships of Lower Canada a great number of Lots of Land, of which the owners are dead, absent or unknown, such owners being also in many cases not aware that the Lands belong to them, and the said Lands being left wild and uncared for, tend greatly to retard the settlement of the neighboring lands and of the said Townships: For remedy thereof be it enacted, &c. Preamble.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, Claimants of lands under Patent in the Townships of Lower Canada to register their claims (if not already registered) within a certain time.

10 That each and every person claiming any land for which Letters Patent have issued, in the Townships of Lower Canada, and whose title to the same is not registered in the Registry Office of the proper County at the time of the passing of this Act, shall register his claim thereto in

15 such Registry Office, within one year from the passing of this Act, either by causing his title to such land to be registered by registering the Patent or deed, if his immediate title be founded on such Letters Patent or on some deed which can be so registered, or if his immediate title be by

20 descent, or by virtue of some other right not susceptible of being registered in the usual form,—then by registering the last deed or document, making part of his title which can be registered in the usual manner, and in either case by delivering to the Register a memorial under the

25 hand of the claimant, stating distinctly the right or claim by virtue whereof he is proprietor of the land, and his residence, and if such residence be not within the County, then naming a person and place in the County upon whom, or at which, all process, notices, and service of any kind in

30 any matter relative to the said land, or to any taxes, roads or other matters to which the same is subject or liable, may be as validly made as if made personally upon the said claimant or at his residence, in default of which nomination all such services shall be held to be duly made

35 upon him if left for him at the Registry Office of the County; and such memorial shall be attested in the manner by law provided with regard to other memorials.

II. And be it enacted, That at the end of the said term of one year from the passing of this Act, any person If such claim be not registered to any