

upon the Commissioner of Dominion Lands and the Inspector of Dominion Lands Agencies, and all matters connected with the administration of the Dominion lands system in Manitoba and the North-West Territories; and such Dominion Lands Board shall be composed of such persons, and shall have such powers and authority, not inconsistent with this Act, and shall perform such duties as shall, from time to time, be prescribed by Order of the Governor in Council;

4. Copies of any records, documents, plans, books or papers belonging to, or deposited in, the Dominion Lands Office, attested under the signature of the Minister of the Interior or of the Surveyor-General, or any chief clerk or officer authorized thereto, and of plans or documents in any Dominion lands or surveys office in Manitoba or the North-West Territories, attested under the signature of the Agent or Inspector of Surveys, or other officer in charge of such office, shall be competent evidence in all cases in which the original records, documents, books, plans or papers would be evidence; and lithographed or other copies of maps or plans purporting to be issued or published by the "*Dominion Lands Office*" of the Department of the Interior, and to have a lithographed or copied signature of the Minister of the Interior or of the Surveyor-General thereto attached, shall be received in all courts and proceedings as *prima facie* evidence of the originals, and of the contents thereof;

Certified copies of certain documents to be evidence.

As to lithographed copies, &c.

5. No person employed in or under the Department of the Interior, including the Geological Survey branch thereof, shall purchase any Dominion lands except under authority of an Order in Council, or shall locate military or bounty land warrants, or land scrip, or act as agent of any other person in such behalf; nor shall any person so employed disclose to any person except his superior officer any discovery made by him or by any other officer of the Department of the Interior, nor any other information in his possession in relation to Dominion lands, until such discovery or information has been reported to the Minister of the Interior, and his permission for such disclosures has been obtained.

Employees of Department not to purchase Dominion lands.

Or give information without permission of Minister.

3. None of the provisions of this Act shall be held to apply to territory the Indian title to which shall not, at the time, have been extinguished.

As to lands still under Indian title.

#### DOMINION LANDS—TOWNSHIPS.

4. The Dominion lands shall be laid off in quadrilateral townships, each containing thirty-six sections of as nearly one mile square as the convergence of meridians permits,

System of survey. Townships.