

47. If in the course of any proceeding under this Act, any person acting either as principal or agent shall, knowingly and with intent to deceive, make, or assist or join in or be privy to the making of, any material false statement or representation, or suppress, conceal or assist or join in or be privy to the suppressing, withholding or concealing from the Court any material document, fact or matter of information, every person so acting shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary for a term not exceeding three years, and not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement for any term less than two years, and in the latter case with or without hard labor, or to be fined such sum as the Court by which he is convicted shall award. Any order or declaration of title obtained by means of such fraud or falsehood, shall be null and void for or against all persons other than a purchaser for valuable consideration without notice.

Punishment of persons obtaining certificates under this Act by fraud.

Certificate to be void.

Exception.

48. If in the course of any proceeding before the Court, under this Act, any person shall fraudulently forge or alter, or assist in forging or altering, any certificate or other document relating to such land or the title thereof, or shall fraudulently offer, utter, dispose of or put off any such certificate or other document, knowing the same to be forged or altered, such person shall be guilty of felony, and upon conviction shall be liable, at the discretion of the Court by which he is convicted, to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than three years, or to be imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement for any term not exceeding two years, and in the latter case with or without hard labor.

49. No proceeding or conviction for any act hereby declared to be a misdemeanor, shall affect any remedy which any person aggrieved by such act may be entitled to, either at law or in equity, against the person who has committed such act.

Conviction not to affect other remedy.

50. Nothing in this Act shall entitle any person to refuse to answer any question or interrogatory in any civil proceeding in any Court of law or equity, but no answer to any such question or interrogatory shall be admissible in evidence against such person in any civil proceeding.

As to obligation to answer interrogatories.

51. The said Court may, from time to time, make general orders for referring all or any applications under this Act to any master, deputy master, Counsel or other person appointed by the Court in that behalf, and to regulate the fees to be paid on such reference, and the referee shall have the same powers as a Judge within the limits prescribed by such general orders; and the Court may also, from time to time, make other general orders for the purposes of this Act, and for regulating the practice under the same; and all general orders made in pursuance of this section may from time to time be rescinded or altered by the said Court.

Court may make general orders for carrying out this Act.

52. In case a person is in possession of land under a defective title, acquired in good faith by such person or by some person through or under whom he claims, and without notice by the person who so acquired the same of the defect therein, no action or suit at law or in Equity for the recovery of such land from the possessor, by the person who, in consequence of such defect, is entitled thereto or claims the same, shall be brought after the expiration of ten years from the time of such title being acquired by the possessor, or by the person under whom he claims: Except that if the true owner was under the disability of infancy or of an unsound mind at the time such title was acquired, the action or suit may be brought within five years after such disability ceased, or after the death of such true owner, which ever first happened.

Defective title of party in possession believing it good, cured by ten years possession without notice.

Exception.