

BILL.

An Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance to the peace and welfare of families, that the Notarial Profession should be exercised by well educated and duly qualified persons, and abuses are found to have crept into the exercise of those functions, for which it is expedient to provide a remedy, by constituting Boards of Notaries, and by establishing proper regulations with regard to admission to the Profession, and for the general organization of the Profession in Lower Canada: And whereas the Act now in force in Lower Canada, passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act for the organization of the Notarial profession in that part of this Province called Lower Canada,*" is defective in many respects, and it is expedient to amend and consolidate the provisions thereof: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

15 And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Act shall be and is hereby repealed; and from and after the passing of this Act, there shall be established in Lower Canada, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, three Boards of Notaries, one for the District of Quebec, including the District of Gaspé, to be called, "The Quebec Board of Notaries;" one for the District of Montreal, to be called, "The Montreal Board of Notaries;" and one for the Districts of Three Rivers and St. Francis, to be called, "The Board of Notaries for Three Rivers;" And each of the said Boards shall be a Corporate Body in itself, and as such be entitled to all the privileges vested by law in Corporate Bodies generally, and shall each have power to acquire, hold, possess and enjoy real and immovable estate not exceeding in value *five thousand pounds* currency; and in all actions instituted against any of the said Boards, service of process at the office or domicile of the Secretaries of the respective Boards shall be good and sufficient.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 21 repealed. Board of Notaries established and incorporated.

II. And be it enacted, That each Board of Notaries shall be composed of members elected in the manner hereinafter explained; and the number of such members shall be twelve for the Quebec and Montreal Boards respectively, and nine for the Board of Notaries for Three Rivers; and the quorum for the despatch of business shall be eight for the Quebec and Montreal Boards respectively, and five for the Board for Three Rivers.

Number of members of each Board.

III. And be it enacted, That the meetings of the said Boards of Notaries shall be held as follows: those of the Quebec Board of Notaries at the City of Quebec, those of the Montreal Board of Notaries at the City of Montreal, and those of the Board of Notaries for Three Rivers at the Town of Three Rivers, on such days and at such hours as shall be appointed by the said Boards, and in such places as shall be selected for the purpose; but there shall not be less than four meetings in each year for the examination of applicants for admission as Students or as Notaries; and in each year there shall be one general meeting of the Notaries within the jurisdiction of each Board, and that extraordinary

Meetings of Boards.