

An Act for the Protection of Growing Timber in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the protection and ^{Preamble.} preservation of growing timber in Lower Canada: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- 5 **1.** Whenever a municipal council has passed a by-law providing that any portion whatsoever of the municipality on which the timber is still standing shall be preserved as a woodland, no proprietor within the said thereafter extent so set apart shall be entitled to demand *découvert* or any of the *mitoyen* duties which may otherwise be required from neighbours, in virtue of chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada. If any portion of a Municipality be set apart as to wood land.
- 15 **2.** The municipal council in any municipality within the limits of which any extent of land may be so set apart to be preserved as a woodland, shall have power to verbalise roads passing through such woodland and leading thereto, of a width less than that fixed by chapter twenty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, and to prevent the making and maintenance of fences and ditches on the sides of the said roads, and to direct that the said roads shall only be kept in order during certain periods of the year. Powers of Municipalities as regards roads in such case.
- 20 **3.** But no such by-law shall be valid until it has been approved by a majority of the proprietors of lands within the said extent of land so set apart, in the manner following, that is to say: By-law only to be valid on being approved.
- 25 **4.** Such by law or every material provision thereof shall, for at least one month before the final passing thereof, be published for the information of the ratepayers in some newspaper published weekly or oftener within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality, or if there be no such newspaper, then in some newspaper published in the place nearest to such jurisdiction; and also by posting the same up in at least four public places in the municipality, with a notice signed by the clerk of the municipality in the council of which the by-law originated, specifying in such notice the date of the first publication of the by-law, and signifying that it is a true copy of a by-law which will be taken into consideration by the council of the municipality after the expiration of one month from the first publication thereof in such newspaper; and Formalities to obtain approval of by-law.
- 30 **5.** that on some day, and at some hour and place named in the notice, and which shall be previously fixed by the said council, such day not being less than three weeks nor more than four weeks after such first publication, a general meeting of the qualified municipal electors of the municipality will be held for the purpose of considering such by-law, and Meeting of Municipal Electors.
- 40 approving or disapproving of the same.
- 5.** On the day and at the hour and place (or places) appointed by such notice, the qualified municipal electors, or such of them as choose to attend the meeting, shall take the said by-law into consideration, and shall approve or disapprove of the same.