

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

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the protection and 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: Preamble.

- 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 extent so set apart, shall thereafter be entitled to demand *decouvert* or any of the *mitoyen* duties which may otherwise be
10 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 woodland.
- 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 verbalize roads passing through such
15 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.
- 4.** Such by-law, or every material provision thereof, shall, for at least one month before the final passing thereof, be published, for the
25 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
30 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 news-
35 paper: and 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-
40 law, and approving or disapproving of the same. Formalities to obtain approval of by-law.