

which said lands shall be liable to the assessed taxes in the Townships in which they respectively lie from the date of such sale or license or appropriation; and the purchaser at the sale of any such lands for taxes shall, as heretofore, have in the lands so sold the same rights only as the person entitled to claim under the Crown at the time of such sale; and the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall in like manner apprise each such Registrar and Secretary-Treasurer of the cancellation of any License of Occupation or Patent, or of any sale, grant, lease, location or appropriation; from which time, until resold, leased or regranted, the land affected shall cease to be liable to taxes.

2. The Registrar of the Province shall transmit as early as possible in each year, to the Registrar of every County and Registration District and Division, and to the Secretary-Treasurer of every Municipality in Lower Canada, a list of the Public Lands patented during the year next preceding; and no return of lands other than those hereinbefore mentioned need be made.

28. All Affidavits required under this Act, or intended to be used in reference to any claim, business or transaction in the Crown Lands Department, may be taken before the Judge or Clerk of any County or Circuit Court, or any Justice of the Peace, or any Commissioner for taking affidavits in any of the Courts, or the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or any Agent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, or any Surveyor duly licensed and sworn, appointed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to enquire into or take evidence or report in any matter submitted or pending before such Commissioner, or if made out of the Province, before the Mayor or Chief Magistrate of, or the British Consul in any City, Town or other Municipality; and any wilful false swearing in any such affidavit shall be perjury.

29. Whenever there is any gore or small tract of land or Island, which is not included in the original survey and description of any Township, and is of too limited extent to form a Township by itself,—the Governor may, by Proclamation, annex such gore or tract of land to any Township to which it is adjacent, or partly to one and partly to another of any two or more Townships to which it is adjacent, as he deems expedient; and from and after the day appointed in such Proclamation, or from the date thereof, if no other day be therein appointed for the purpose, the tract of land thereby annexed to any Township shall form part thereof.

30. Copies of any records, documents, books or papers belonging to or deposited in the said Department, attested under the signature of the Commissioner, or of the Assistant Commissioner, shall be competent evidence in all cases in which the original records, documents, books or papers, could be evidence.