

An Act to enforce the Registration of Titles to Lands in
the Townships of Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is necessary that proprietors of lands in the Townships of Lower Canada should enregister their Titles to such lands, in order to facilitate the settlement of the said Townships, and for the better working of the Municipal and Road Laws; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c. enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. Every person who, at the time this Act shall become law, shall hold letters patent or other titles conveying to him or his ancestor, predecessor or *auteur* from whom he derives the same, any land in the Townships of Lower Canada, of which he is not in the actual occupation, and which letters patent or other title shall not have been enregistered in conformity with the laws in force for the enregistration of titles to lands in Lower Canada, in the Registry Office of the County or division of County within which such land is situate, shall, within one year from the first day of January, 1856, cause such letters patent or other titles to such lands to be enregistered in the Registry Office for the County or division of County where such land is situate.

Titles to land not already registered to be registered before 1st January, 1857

II. Whenever any person shall claim to be the proprietor of such land by inheritance, descent or marriage, or otherwise than by letters patent or deeds of sale, or other conveyance granting and conveying the same to him in his own name, and his rights, interests and claims in and to such land are not disclosed by the letters patent, deeds or titles of the person or persons through whom he derives or claims to derive such land, such person shall, in addition to the enregistration of the titles of his immediate predecessor or predecessors from whom he claims to acquire such land, as required in the preceding section of this Act, within one year after the first day of January, 1856, make and cause to be enregistered in the Registry Office for the County or division of County within which such land is, a schedule signed by himself or his agent, containing his Christian and surname and place of residence, and a list of the lands within such County or division of County of which he claims to be the proprietor, which schedule shall also contain the name and residence of his Attorney or Agent, if any he has, and a brief statement of the name or names of the person or persons from whom and the deeds and documents by virtue of which he claims to be the proprietor of such land.

Claims of person deriving title otherwise than by Patent or Deed to be registered and how, and by what time.

III. In any action instituted to recover the possession of land in the Townships of Lower Canada subsequent to the first day of January, 1856, from any person holding the same *à titre de propriétaire*, if it shall appear that the proprietor suing for possession, or his *auteur* or *auteurs*, was or were, at the time of the passing of this Act, seized of such land and shall

In actions for possession of land after 1st January, 1856, if the title has not been