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To enable the Notaries in this Province to suppress and correct Abuses in the profession, and to maintain the respectability of the same.

WHEREAS it is necessary to adopt measures to prevent the Notarial profession from being degraded by the occasional misconduct of certain persons admitted as Notaries in this Province, and to guard the public against the immoral and negligent habits of certain Notaries, in fulfilling the important duties of their offices, which sometimes are the source of serious mischief to individuals; Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled; "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North-America;" and to make further provision for "the Government of the said Province;"— And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful to the several Notaries residing in the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers, to meet in the month of May, June or July next; to wit, those residing in the District of Quebec, at the City of Quebec; those residing in the District of Montreal, at the City of Montreal, and those residing in the District of Three-Rivers, in the Town of Three-Rivers, on such day and at such place in each of the said Cities and Town respectively, as shall by a public Advertisement in the English and French languages, in some Newspapers, printed and published in the District, at least _____ weeks previous to the day fixed for meeting, by the most ancient Notary, resident in either of the said Cities and Town, be fixed and designated for the purpose; and the Notaries so met and assembled in each of the said Districts, shall at such meeting proceed to choose by a majority of votes of the Notaries present, seven Notaries who shall when chosen and confirmed as herein after mentioned, serve for four years, and at the expiration of that time be replaced or re-elected at an Election to take place in the same manner as herein direct-