

sation is to be paid to the Province for the decreased value of the Ferry, in consequence of the construction of the Bridge, which must be used within three years from the passing of the Act.

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REGISTRY OFFICE, of Montreal, to remedy defects in Registration of Deeds in.—Cap. 121. ....

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An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Deeds and Instruments relating to Real property in the Registry Office at Montreal.—(*Passed 30th May, 1849.*)

It is recited that during the time the late Edward Dowling held the office of Registrar, first of the Registration District and subsequently of the County of Montreal, many Deeds and Documents were presented to him for Registration and kept by him, which nevertheless were not registered, transcribed or entered as the Law required, and that divers errors, irregularities and omissions were committed by the said Edward Dowling and his Deputy, which might, without the intervention of the Legislature, affect the titles and rights of parties who have complied with the law so far as on them depended; and it is to remedy this evil so far as it can be done without injustice to other parties, that the provisions of the Act are framed. It is first enacted, that during twelve months from the passing of the Act, (which period extends twelve months more by 13 & 14 Vict. c. 93, and twelve months more by 14 & 15 c. 68 sec. 5, both of which see,) the Registration of any Instrument shall be held to have been completed, if it be proved that it was presented to and received by the said Ed. Dowling or his Deputy at or before some certain time from which such Registration shall (at least during the said 12 months) be held to have been completed; and the Act then declares what shall be deemed proof of such presentation, and what shall be the presumption if presentation be proved, but the time at which it was made shall not appear, such proof and presumption to be for the purposes of the Act and subject to the provisions thereof. Three Commissioners are to be appointed under the Act, to take possession of the Instruments, Books, Papers and Documents of the Office, filed or kept while the said Ed. Dowling was Registrar; to examine, take evidence with regard to and arrange and complete the same as they ought to have been completed by the said Ed. Dowling, keeping a record of the evidence given before them and of their proceedings, and reporting to the Governor; after the end of the period above mentioned, the Registration of any Document completed by the said Commissioners is to be as effectual as if it had been completed by the said Ed. Dowling; certain objections as to errors in the transcription of Documents are removed in any case, and the Certificate of the Commissioners, as to any fact touching the Registration of any Document, is to be *prima facie* evidence of such fact, but nothing in the Act is to weaken the effect of any Certificate or Evidence which without the Act would be proof of Registration: nor is the liability of Ed. Dowling or his Deputy, or of their Sureties, to be diminished. Full power is given to the Commissioners to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, &c. Two of the Commissioners are to be Quorum, and the third need not act except when the two first named in the Commission differ in opinion. They are to receive compensation for their services. An Interpretation clause is added.

RIMOUSKI, Registration of Deeds.—Cap. 128. ....

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An Act to divide the County of Rimouski into two Districts for the Registration of Deeds.—(*Passed 30th May, 1849.*)

The County of Rimouski is divided into two Districts for the purposes of Registration of Deeds, after 1st July, 1849. In one, a new Registrar is to be appointed, the

present Registrar remaining in the other, without a new appointment.

RIMOUSKI, Seat of Municipality No. 1, of the County of, removed.—Cap. 127. ....

751

An Act to remove the Seat of the Municipality Number One of the County of Rimouski, from *St. Patrice de la Rivière-du-Loup* to *St. Jean Baptiste de l'Isle Verte*.—(*Passed 25th April, 1849.*)

After the 15th June, 1849, the Seat or place of Meeting of the Council of the Municipality No. 1 of the County of Rimouski, is to be removed from *St. Patrice* to *St. Jean Baptiste*, and the said Municipality is declared to be the Municipality No. 1 of the said County, any thing in any Proclamation, or in the Lower-Canada Municipal Act (10 & 11 V. c. 7), notwithstanding.

RIVER DU CHENE, County of Two Mountains.—Cap. 155. ....

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An Act to provide for the improvement of the River du Chêne, in the County of the Two Mountains.—(*Passed 30th May, 1849.*)

This Act recites the Petition of the inhabitants of certain Parishes in the said County, complaining of the damages done to their crops yearly by the overflowing of the said River, the channel of which is insufficient to carry off the water, and praying that as the evil can only be remedied by their combined efforts, Legislative provision may be made for enabling them to effect the improvement of the said River. The Act provides for the calling of a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Parishes interested in the improvement, at which twelve Commissioners may be elected for carrying on the improvement aforesaid. The Commissioners are to cause a survey, plan and estimate to be made for the work, which is to be given out by contract, but with power to the Commissioners to require the inhabitants interested to furnish assistance in labour. An estimate of all the expenses to be incurred, is to be made and the parties interested are to be assessed according to the benefit which each may derive from the work, the decision of the Commissioners, after hearing any objecting parties, to be final in this behalf, unless set aside by an appeal brought within a certain time before a Circuit Judge. Provision is made for enforcing payment of the sums assessed. When the work is completed, the powers of the Commissioners are to cease, and the River and works are then to be under the control of the local authorities but subject to Rules and Regulations to be made by the Commissioners before they go out of office. The Commissioners are to account to a Committee to be chosen by the inhabitants interested, and their plans, accounts, papers, &c., are to be finally deposited in the office of the Municipal Council of the County. The work must be completed within six years after the passing of the Act.

RIVER JÉSUS BRIDGE.—See Delisle A. M.

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS, &c.—Cap. 136. ....

769

An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in Lower-Canada.—(*Passed 30th May, 1849.*)

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec, and R. C. Bishops of Montreal and Bytown, and their respective successors, are respectively created Corporations sole, with power to hold lands for the general uses, eleemosynary, ecclesiastical or educational of the R. C. Church, and the other ordinary corporate powers, the title of acquisition to be registered within six months on pain of its avoidance. Persons now holding lands in trust for the benefit of the R. C. Church, may convey the same to any of the said Corporations. Lands held by the said Corporation are not to be aliened by them without the consent in writing of their Chapter or Council, or if there be none, then of the Co-adjutor and Senior Vicar-General, or if there be none, then of two Clergymen to be named for the purpose. The real estate to be held by any one of the said Corporations is limited to £5,000 of yearly value. The Act is not to confer any spiritual or ecclesiastical jurisdiction or rights. If any new R. C. Archbishop or