

mining Indians  
for the pur-  
poses of this  
Act.

from time to time for that purpose, shall be Commissioners for  
examining Indians, being members of such Tribe, who may de-  
sire to avail themselves of this Act, and for making due inqui-  
ries concerning them : and such Commissioners shall meet for  
the said purposes at such places and times as the Superinten- 5  
dent General of Indian affairs shall from time to time direct,  
and shall have full power to make such examination and in-  
quiry : and if such Commissioners shall report in writing to the  
Governor that any such Indian of the male sex, and not under  
twenty-one years of age, is able to speak, read and write either 10  
the english or the french language readily and well, and is  
sufficiently advanced in the elementary branches of education  
and is of good moral character and free from debt ; then it shall  
be competent to the Governor to cause notice to be given in the  
Official Gazette of this Province, that such Indian is enfran- 15  
chised under this Act ; and the provisions of the third section  
of the Act aforesaid, and all other enactments making any dis-  
tinction between the legal rights and habilities of Indians and  
those of Her Majesty's other subjects, shall cease to apply to any  
Indian so declared to be enfranchised, who shall no longer be 20  
deemed an Indian within the meaning thereof.

Names of In-  
dians favor-  
ably reported  
to be published  
and the said  
third sect. not  
to apply to  
them.

Indians may  
be reported in  
a state of pro-  
bation.

IV. The said Commissioners may also examine and inquire  
concerning any male Indian over twenty-one and not over  
forty years of age, desirous of availing himself of this Act,  
although he be not able to read and write or instructed in the 25  
usual branches of school education ; and if they shall find him  
able to speak readily either the English or the French language,  
of sober and industrious habits, free from debt and sufficiently  
intelligent to be capable of managing his own affairs, they  
shall report accordingly in writing to the Governor ; and if 30  
such report be approved by the Governor as to any Indian, he  
shall by virtue of such approval be in a state of probation during  
three years from the date of the report, and if at the end of that  
term the Commissioners shall again report in writing to the  
Governor that such Indian has during such term conducted 35  
himself to their satisfaction, then it shall be competent to the  
Governor to cause notice to be given in the Official Gazette  
that such Indian is enfranchised under this Act, and he shall  
therefrom be so enfranchised.

And after pro-  
bation may de-  
clared not  
within the said  
third section.

Enfranchised  
Indian to take  
a name and  
surname.

V. Every Indian examined by the Commissioners under 40  
this Act, shall at the time of such examination declare to them  
the name and surname by which he wishes to be enfranchised  
and thereafter known, such name being his baptismal name  
if he have one, and such surname any one he may choose  
to adopt which shall be approved by the Commissioners, 45  
and the Commissioners shall enter the same in their Report ;  
and if such Indian be thereafter enfranchised under this Act,  
the name and surname so reported shall be those by which he  
shall thereafter be legally designated and known..