

executed, and determine for ourselves whether or not the person who claims to be the owner is so or not. But however careful we may be, unforeseen, and altogether unexpected, perils may exist. One of the deeds we have so carefully examined, and which seems so perfectly right and proper, may thereafter prove to be a base forgery; or our vigilance may have failed to notice that an important word or two has been omitted from one of them, either of which facts, or many others which might be suggested, would have the effect of rendering the title worthless. Yet all these risks must be run and all this trouble incurred whenever the state of a title has to be ascertained under our present system.

Now let us go to the Torrens Registry Office and ask the state of a title, and what a different reception do we meet. The register is produced, and on one page is to be found all the information necessary to be known in order to our perfect absolute safety in dealing with the property.

Here you have not to search and examine, and critically weigh, various documents, to determine what may perhaps be a very nice and subtle question of law, but you have the fact, absolute and undeniable, presented to you, and it is the fact you want to get at.

We think we have sufficiently displayed the superior merits of Torrens' system.

The necessity for the early consideration of this important question by the Legislature of this Province we do not think can be reasonably questioned.

One of the great difficulties in the way of its introduction in the older provinces arises from the complication of the titles, and the growth of vested interests which are concerned in the maintenance of the old system.

Here these difficulties are comparatively few; with the lapse of time, however, they must inevitably increase. While we are in the spring tide of youth let us by all means avail ourselves of the advantages which the Torrens system holds out, and the full benefits of which we shall the sooner enjoy.