

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

WHEREAS it is necessary that persons possessing 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: Be it therefore enacted, &c., as follows:—

Preamble.

Every person or party being or claiming to be the owner of any lot, half lot, or piece of land, in any of the Townships in Lower Canada, on which lot, half lot, or piece of land, there is not at the time of the passing of this Act, an inhabited house occupied by such owner or claimant, or by some person for him, and acknowledging him as the owner thereof, shall, within one year from and after the first day of January, 1855, file with the Registrar of Deeds for the County or division of a County for Registration purposes, in which the land so owned or claimed by him shall lie, a schedule signed by him or his Attorney, and either made before a Notary, or before two witnesses, one of whom shall swear to the execution before some Circuit Judge, and containing his christian and surname at full length, and a list and sufficient description of all the Lands owned or claimed by him within such County or division of a County, and stating also his place of residence, if within Lower Canada, and if not, then naming some person resident within the same, whom he authorizes to act for him as his agent in all matters and things whatsoever, relative to his said Lands, and to receive all notices respecting the same, and stating the residence of such person; and if such schedule be not made by the owner or claimant of such Lands, but by his Attorney, then the said schedule shall also set forth the date of the power of Attorney under which he acts, and the Notary with whom it is deposited in Lower Canada, and shall contain the residence of such Attorney, and his christian and surname at full length; and all services of notices or otherwise made upon the person designated in said schedule, at the place therein appointed for the purpose, shall be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as regards such Lands and all matters and things thereunto relating, as if made upon the owner or claimant in person; and the said schedule shall also refer distinctly to the title or titles under which such owner or claimant owns or claims the Lands therein mentioned, and such title, if not previously registered in the office in which the said schedule is filed, shall be registered at the time of filing such schedule, which otherwise shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of this Act: Provided always, that such title may be registered, either at full length, or by memorial, at the option of the party registering the same; and provided, also, that if the said owner or claimant mentioned in the schedule, be not the party actually mentioned in such title, but the Lands have come to him by descent, or otherwise than by virtue of some instrument, writing, judgment, or other title sus-

Owners of unoccupied lots in the townships of Lower Canada, to file schedules of their lands, places of residences, &c. What such schedule must contain.

Such schedule to state the title under which the lands are held.

Proviso: if the title be not one which can be registered.