

which purport to effect a reversion of the estate in the personal representatives in the case of the registration of a belated caution are of any efficacy whatever.

3. Assuming that no doubt existed on either of the foregoing questions, *Quære*, whether title can be made to a purchaser under the provisions relating to the registration of belated cautions where there are no unsatisfied debts.

4. *Quære*, whether, in case where title is properly made under the provisions relating to the registration of belated cautions (assuming that any such cases exist) it is not necessary to obtain releases of dower from the wives of married beneficiaries before the title can be deemed complete.

It is obvious that if the doubts above expressed as to the efficacy of the words of the Act to accompany its purpose are well grounded, the result is that inextricable confusion has been introduced into a very large number of titles in this province, and that such titles and all future titles similarly dealt with under the Act will remain defective until confirmed either by the execution of appropriate conveyances, or by the operation of the Statute of Limitations.

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THE UNWRITTEN LAW.

In accounting for the rapid increase of crime in the United States, dealt with in our number for Nov. 1, because of its bearing upon our own population, American writers dwell much upon the effect of what they call the "unwritten law," a subject which has been frequently referred to in the public press and which is deserving of more than passing notice. It is as an echo from the times when "the earth was filled with violence," and tells us that human nature is the same in this so-called cultured and civilized twentieth century as it always has been. It means that, as regards certain offences, any man, or any body of men, are justified in making a law for themselves, and carrying it