

elected domiciles. We have only to do a little more now : enact a clause or two, and so secure to creditors, absent or present, a particular notice of applications for Ratification of Title. It might be enacted that any hypothecary creditor might enter a *caveat* in the office of the Clerk of that Court to which application for a sentence of Ratification or Confirmation, as regards land on which he has a mortgage, can be made ; such *caveat* to be signed by the creditor, to describe the land mortgaged, and to mention some certain place of address, within the jurisdiction of the Court, to which notice respecting any application for confirmation might be sent, the maker of such *caveat* to be entitled to notification, at the place mentioned, (à peine de nullité) of the deposit of any Title Deed for purpose of Ratification, and of the day when, and the Court where, application is intended to be made ; the Ratification to be signed in duplicate by the proposing applicant, or his Attorney, and one part be served by a Bailiff or Notary, within 15 days after the day of deposit of the Title Deed.

Of course it would be required to go into some details, such as ordering the Prothonotary to keep a book for entering such *caveats*, for granting access to it freely to the public, for informing the Court of any *caveats* entered, &c., &c.

If such enactments were made, if greater publicity were ordered to be given to the advertisements of applications proposed for Sentences of Ratification, if more ample notices were ordered, and if one or two provisions were made towards compelling, but only in certain cases, the deposit of the price, or value, of the land, our Act of Geo. IV. would work not badly. Four publications in the *Canada Gazette* might be ordered, instead of three, and mention might be ordered to be made of all the proprietors of the land during the ten years next before the date of the Deed, instead of during the three years only as at present.

The Crown ought to be bound by the Purgation of Hypothecs' Act, as it is by the Registry Law.

Your proposed changes will lead to delays and embarrassments, and will sometimes prevent transactions. They will impose great labor and responsibility upon the Registrars. The Certificates required by your Sect. 2 will be confused.