



CHAPTER 48

An Act to assure the expansion of colonization in the
Témiscamingue region

[Assented to, the 28th of April, 1939]

WHEREAS an Indian reserve exists in the county of Preamble.
Témiscamingue called "Nédelec Indian Reserve";

Whereas such Reserve is enclosed between various municipalities and, in particular, separates the municipalities of Nédelec and Notre-Dame-du-Nord;

Whereas the settlers established in the municipalities contiguous to this Reserve are isolated and, in order to communicate from one municipality to another, have to go around the Reserve and even by way of the Province of Ontario;

Whereas the Indians have never exploited the Reserve, for agricultural or other purposes;

Whereas this state of affairs is harmful to the agricultural, educational and commercial development of the parishes surrounding such territory; prevents the farmers of this region from extending their agricultural establishments and from settling their sons near the paternal property and paralyses commercial relations between the municipalities neighbouring upon the Reserve and the other municipalities of the county;

Whereas a classification of the soils shows that at least ninety per cent of the land in such Reserve is suitable for cultivation;

Whereas the present Government, desirous of assuring the settlers and farmers of the parishes adjacent to the Indian Reserve of Nédelec of commercial outlets and of

procuring new lands for them for the expansion of colonization and the consolidation of existing parishes, has taken the steps and the measures necessary to assure the agricultural development of this region of south Témiscamingue;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Entering into certain agreements authorized.

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Colonization to enter into an agreement with the interested authorities to open the lands in question to colonization, to carry out such agreement and to make the necessary expenditure in connection with same.

When lands to be deemed colonization lands.

2. The said lands, upon the completion of the agreement contemplated in section 1, shall become colonization lands governed by the Colonization Land Sales Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 77).

Sums appropriated for expenses of act.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Provincial Treasurer to place at the disposal of the Minister of Colonization a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, taken from the consolidated revenue fund, to pay the expenses contemplated by this act.

Coming into force.

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.