



## CHAPTER 144

An Act to change the name of Francis Reginald Neilson,  
of the parish of Deschambault, in the county of  
Portneuf, farmer, to that of Francis  
Reginald Neilson Sewell

*[Assented to, the 8th of April, 1938]*

**W**HEREAS Francis Reginald Neilson, residing in the Preamble.  
parish of Deschambault, in the county of Portneuf,  
in the district of Quebec, farmer, has, by his petition, re-  
presented that he desires to have his name changed to  
that of Francis Reginald Neilson Sewell, in as much as,  
since the age of six months, he has been brought up by the  
late Reginald Treavor Sewell, in his lifetime of the said  
parish of Deschambault, farmer, his father and mother  
having died long ago, and that for all purposes the said  
Francis Reginald Neilson Sewell should be considered as  
if he had been adopted twenty-five years ago under the  
law of Quebec governing adoption; that he is known under  
the name of Francis Reginald Neilson Sewell, and that  
the said Reginald Treavor Sewell has recently died, leaving  
a will signed before Reginald Meredith, notary public, of  
the city of Quebec, by which will the petitioner has been  
left as universal residuary legatee of the said Reginald  
Treavor Sewell, subject to the petitioner taking over and  
assuming the surname of Sewell; and whereas it is expe-  
dient to grant the said petition;

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

**1.** The said Francis Reginald Neilson shall, in future, Name of  
be designated and known under the name of Francis Re- Francis  
ginald Neilson Sewell, and, under such name, he may in Reginald  
Neilson

changed to  
Francis  
Reginald  
Neilson-  
Sewell.

future claim, exercise, and possess all the advantages, benefits, rights and titles which, had not such change of name taken place, he would have had the right to claim, exercise or possess; and all contracts, stipulations, and agreements made by him and in which he may have participated, by and under the name of Francis Reginald Neilson, shall avail to him and bind him and be deemed to have been made by him by and under the name of Francis Reginald Neilson Sewell; and all legacies and donations contained in any will, made in his favour under the name of Francis Reginald Neilson, shall avail to him as if the name of Francis Reginald Neilson Sewell had been mentioned therein; and likewise, under the latter name, he may recover, have, hold and possess and may receive, as legacies, all the immovables or personal property and rights of all kinds whatsoever which he may now have, hold and possess, or which he may in future receive by legacy, and may recover, hold and possess the same in as absolute a manner and to the same extent as if such change of name had not been effected by this act.

Suits, etc.,  
not affected.

**2.** If any suits or proceedings in law or in equity have been begun by or against the said Francis Reginald Neilson under his former name, such suits or such proceedings shall not be affected, and no redress or recovery which may have been the object thereof shall be prejudiced on account of such change of name, but they may be continued and carried on to judgment and execution until satisfaction and acquittance are obtained, as if this act had not been passed.

Rights, etc.,  
to apply to  
descendants.

**3.** All rights and privileges generally of every nature and kind whatsoever which the said Francis Reginald Neilson Sewell might acquire under this act and those that might be acquired in the future under this act shall likewise apply to his children and descendants.

Obligations  
not affected.

**4.** Notwithstanding the change of name and the rights conferred upon him, nothing in this act shall have the effect of altering the obligations of the said Francis Reginald Neilson, in respect to the Government of the Province, nor affect any claim that the said Government may have against him.

Optional  
designation.

For the purposes of this section, the debtor may be called Francis Reginald Neilson or Francis Reginald Neilson Sewell.

Coming into  
force.

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