



CHAPTER 165

An Act respecting the marriage contract of George Shooner and Dame Jeanne de Blois

[Assented to, the 11th of April, 1935]

WHEREAS George Shooner, merchant, of the village of Preamble.
Pierreville, has, by his petition, represented:

That, by his marriage contract, dated the 11th of July, 1921, after stipulating separation of property, he gave to his future wife, Jeanne de Blois, the usufruct of his property until she remarried, or until her death, the said property, on the extinction of the said usufruct, to be divided by the administrator of his estate between his children equally, at their respective age of majority;

That the said marriage contract contains a donation, in contemplation of death, of future property;

That the said future property is especially that which shall be devolved on him by the division of the estate of his father, the late G. O. Shooner, on or after the 1st of May, 1955;

That the assets of the G. O. Shooner estate shall be composed, on the 1st of May, 1955, of the property left at his decease on the 5th of February, 1929, increased by those realized by the business of the firm of Shooner & Company up to the 1st of May, 1955;

That the estate of the petitioner George Shooner hereinabove designated cannot be entire before the 1st of May, 1955;

That it is in the interest of his children that the petitioner's share remain in the development of the business of the firm of Shooner & Company until the division of the G. O. Shooner estate, on or after the 1st of May, 1955;

That to attain this end, in the event of the premature death of the petitioner and of his wife, the property of the said petitioner shall not devolve to his children until they shall respectively have reached the age of forty years;

That he is actually father of nine children, and by reason of his commercial career, his male children will be called upon to do more work than his daughters for the maintenance of his business and the support of his family;

That, for the above reasons, he deems it reasonable to ask for the altering of his marriage contract, by stipulating therein that the property of his estate shall be divided amongst his children when they shall reach the age of forty years respectively, and in the proportion of two to one, in favour of the children of the male sex; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in 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:

Amending
of marriage
contract
Shooner-
De Blois.

1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the marriage contract of George Shooner, the petitioner, in the event of his decease and of that of his wife, or of his wife by second marriage, the property of the said George Shooner shall devolve to his children when they shall have attained respectively the age of forty years.

Coming into
force.

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