



## CHAPTER 178

An Act to change the name of Dora MacLaurin to Dora Dunlop and to confirm an agreement of adoption between her and Dame Catherine Ekers Dunlop

*[Assented to, the 6th of March, 1935]*

**W**HEREAS Dora MacLaurin, unmarried woman of full Preamble. age, of the city of Montreal, is the daughter of the late John MacLaurin and of his wife, Constance Anne Dunlop, both in their lifetime of the city of Kingston, in the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas, the said parents of the said Dora MacLaurin died during her early childhood and she was thereupon adopted by Dame Catherine Austin Ekers, of the city of Montreal, and by her late husband, Alexander Francis Dunlop, in his lifetime of the same place, architect; and

Whereas, the said Dame Catherine Austin Ekers and her said late husband thereafter brought up the said Dora MacLaurin and treated and considered her as their own child, and maintained and educated her as such; and

Whereas, since the death of the said Alexander F. Dunlop, his widow, the said Dame Catherine Ekers Dunlop, has continued to maintain the said Dora MacLaurin as if she were her own child; and

Whereas, the said Dame Catherine Ekers and her said late husband, Alexander F. Dunlop, conferred upon the said Dora MacLaurin, the name of "Dora Dunlop", by which name she has ever since been generally known to all her relatives, friends and acquaintances; and

Whereas, she desires to have her baptismal name changed to the said name of "Dora Dunlop" for all legal purposes; and

Whereas, the said Dora MacLaurin was of the age of majority at the time of the enactment of the Adoption Act,

of the Province of Quebec, and, in consequence, the said law, being restricted to minors, had and could have no application to her; and

Whereas, by agreement dated at the city of Montreal, on the 12th of April, 1934, the said Dora MacLaurin and the said Dame Catherine Austin Ekers entered into a formal agreement by the terms of which they ratified and confirmed the adoption in fact by the said Dame Catherine Austin Ekers of the said Dora MacLaurin as her lawful child; and

Whereas, the said Dora MacLaurin and the said Dame Catherine Austin Ekers desire to have the said agreement of adoption ratified and confirmed; and

Whereas, they have prayed for the passage of an act accordingly and it is expedient to grant the said prayer;

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

Name of  
Dora Mac-  
Laurin  
changed to  
Dora  
Dunlop.

**1.** The name of Dora MacLaurin, of the city of Montreal, unmarried woman of full age, shall be and it is hereby changed to Dora Dunlop and she shall hereafter be called and known by the latter name and under such name she shall hereafter enjoy, exercise and claim all advantages, benefits, rights and titles which, without such change of name, she would have been entitled to; and all contracts, covenants, agreements, certificates and diplomas made, entered into or acquired by her under the name of Dora MacLaurin, shall avail to and be deemed to be entered into or executed by her under the name of Dora Dunlop; and by the latter name she shall recover, have, hold and possess all real and personal property and rights of any kind or nature whatsoever, which she may at present have, hold or possess or which she may hereafter be capable of holding, recovering or possessing, as fully and to the same extent as if the change of name had not been made.

Suits, etc.,  
not affected.

**2.** All obligations entered into by the said Dora MacLaurin under her said former name shall be binding upon and exigible against her under the latter name of Dora Dunlop hereby authorized, and all suits or actions at law to which she may be a party, pending in any court, shall not be affected by this act but shall be continued to judgment and execution as if this act had not been passed.

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**3.** The agreement of adoption between the said Dame Catherine Austin Ekers, of the city of Montreal, widow of

the late Alexander F. Dunlop, and the said Dora MacLaurin, executed at the city of Montreal, on the 12th of April, 1934, and hereunto attached as Schedule A, is hereby ratified and confirmed to all intents and purposes, and the said Dora MacLaurin and the said Dame Catherine Ekers Dunlop are declared, each of them, to be subject to the reciprocal obligations and to be entitled to the reciprocal rights and privileges of parent and child according to the law of the Province of Quebec, just as if the said Dora MacLaurin had been the lawful issue of the marriage of the said Dame Catherine Austin Ekers with her said late husband, Alexander F. Dunlop.

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

### SCHEDULE A

This AGREEMENT executed, in duplicate, at the City of Montreal, this twelfth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

#### BETWEEN

DAME CATHERINE AUSTIN EKERS, of the City and District of Montreal, widow of the late Alexander Francis Dunlop, in his lifetime of the same place, Architect,

*First Party,*

#### AND

MISS DORA MACLAURIN, otherwise known as "Dora Dunlop", of the said City of Montreal, unmarried woman of full age,

*Second Party.*

#### WITNESSETH THAT:

Whereas the Second Party is the daughter of the late John MacLaurin and of his late wife, Constance Anne Dunlop, both in their lifetimes of the City of Kingston, in the Province of Ontario, where the Second Party was born on the 3rd day of September, 1876;

And whereas the said parents of the Second Party died during her childhood, and she was, in or about the year 1881, in fact adopted by the First Party and her said late husband, who was the uncle of the Second Party, and the Second Party was thereafter always treated and considered

by the First Party and her said husband as their own child, and the First Party and her said husband always maintained and educated the Second Party as if she had been their own child, and since the death of the said husband of the First Party, the First Party has continued to maintain the Second Party as if she were her own child;

And whereas the First Party and her said late husband conferred upon the Second Party the name of Dora Dunlop, by which name the Second Party has ever since been generally known to all her relatives, friends and acquaintances;

And whereas the parties hereto are desirous of formally confirming, in so far as may be lawful or necessary, the aforesaid Agreement of Adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH:

1. The First Party hereby confirms in all respects the adoption, for all legal purposes, by her of the Second Party as the child of herself and her late husband, Alexander Francis Dunlop, in his lifetime of the City and District of Montreal, Architect.

2. The parties mutually covenant and agree that they will each of them assume and be entitled to the respective reciprocal obligations and rights of parent and child, according to the law of the Province of Quebec, just as if the Second Party had been the lawful issue of the marriage of the First Party with her said late husband, Alexander Francis Dunlop.

3. The said adoption shall have, as between the parties, all the effects of a final judgment on a petition for adoption under the Adoption Act.

AND THE PARTIES HAVE SIGNED

In the presence of:

(Sgd.) ANNABELLE D. DRUMMOND, (Sgd.) CATHERINE A. DUNLOP,  
*First Party.*

(Sgd.) GEO. A. CAMPBELL, (Sgd.) DORA MACLAURIN DUNLOP,  
*Second Party.*

Certified a true copy of the original agreement.

H. RIEDER,  
*Commissioner of the Superior Court.*