



CHAPTER 166

An Act respecting the estate of the late Honourable Joseph Masson

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1933]

WHEREAS Raymond Masson, sculptor, of the city of Preamble.

Outremont, district of Montreal; Joseph Maurice Bastien, advocate; Alphonse Millette, administrator, the last two of the city and district of Montreal; Roderick B. Masson, manufacturer, of the town of Terrebonne, district of Terrebonne, and Léon Masson, broker, of the said city of Montreal, being all the testamentary executors and trustees of the properties of the estate of the late Honourable Joseph Masson, in his lifetime, merchant, in the said city of Montreal, acting in their above capacity, have, by their petition, represented:

That they are the testamentary executors and trustees of the estate of the late Honourable Joseph Masson;

That by his will made before Mtre. C. E. Belle, and colleague, on the 26th of December, 1845, the late Honourable Joseph Masson bequeathed all his properties in trust to the testamentary executors and trustees to be named in accordance with the provisions of his will;

That the testator further ordered that all the moveable and immoveable property which he left at his death was to be divided into as many equal parts as he left children; that all the revenues from the said property be capitalized for ten years after his death and, at the expiration of such period, delivery be made each year, to all his children of the age of majority, for their lifetime, of half the revenues derived from the property composing the share attributed to each of them, and also of half the revenues from the properties acquired by his testamentary executors and trustees, either with the revenues realized by the latter

from all the properties of the estate during the ten years following his death, or with the half of the revenues remaining at their disposal, after the expiration of such period of ten years, and that such revenues revert, after the death of each child, to the children born in legitimate marriage to each of them respectively, and be substituted from descendant to descendant, indefinitely, or as long as the law permits;

That, moreover, the testator provided for the replacing of the testamentary executors and trustees appointed in the will for as long as the substitution created as aforesaid should last and that he thus clearly expressed his intention to maintain indefinitely, if possible, his estate entire and the seizin of his testamentary executors and trustees;

That, in fact, the estate of the late Honourable Joseph Masson, has, ever since his death, been administered by testamentary executors and trustees appointed under the provisions of his will;

That, for several years, the testamentary executors and trustees have tried to dispose of the immoveable property of the estate, whenever they could obtain a reasonable price, in order to facilitate a division and liquidation thereof; but under the very unfavourable conditions of the real estate market, the number of sales has necessarily been restricted;

That the unfavourable conditions have become further aggravated in the last two years;

That the assets of the estate consist still, largely, of immoveable property;

That it would be particularly disadvantageous, under the present conditions, to sell the assets of the estate, particularly immoveables, by an action for partition and licitation;

That, for these reasons, the testamentary executors and trustees pray that the partition of the properties of the estate be postponed; 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:

Delay for
partition of
property.

1. No one may demand the partition of the property of the estate of the late Honourable Joseph Masson before the expiration of five years after the coming into force of this act.

2. The estate of the late Honourable Joseph Masson ^{Payment of} shall pay the costs and disbursements incurred by the peti- ^{costs.} tioners for the passing of this act.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its ^{Coming into} sanction. ^{force.}