



CHAPTER 41

An Act to promote the return to the land

[Assented to, the 19th of February, 1932]

WHEREAS the back to the land movement has, in recent months, progressed considerably, and whereas it is expedient to enact provisions to promote the same;

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

1. In this act:

1. The word "Department" designates the Department of Colonization, Game and Fisheries;

2. The word "Government" designates His Majesty in the rights of the Province.

3. The word "Minister" designates the Minister of Colonization, Game and Fisheries.

Interpretation:

"Department".

"Government".

2. 1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister or the person named by the latter to become adjudicary for the Government of any immovable or portion of an immovable put up for sale for municipal taxes, or to purchase immovable property already possessed by local municipalities under the provisions of article 737 of the Municipal Code, when the Minister deems it to be in the interests of colonization in any locality so to act and provided that the amount of the acquisition does not exceed in each case the sum of one hundred dollars or of five dollars per arpent.

Govt. as adjudicary of immovables sold for municipal taxes.

Cost of acquisition limited.

2. In cases in which an immovable or part of an immovable has been so adjudged to the Government, the right of redemption must be exercised within the four

Exercise of right of redemption.

months following the adjudication and the amount of the purchase shall be paid by the Government on the demand of the secretary-treasurer who made the sale.

Immove-
able as
public land.

3. Such immoveable or part of an immoveable so acquired again becomes public land within the meaning of section 3 of the Lands and Forests Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 44), and shall be administered or sold in accordance with the Agricultural Land Sales Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 77).

Disposal of
vacant lots.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may also, on the recommendation of the Minister, authorize the Department to dispose, for colonization purposes, of any vacant lot, suitable for farming, already transferred to such Department, and to place settlers thereon, on trial, without location ticket, on the terms and conditions fixed by the order-in-council with respect to:

Placing of
settlers
thereon.

Conditions.

a. The time which must elapse before the issuance of the location ticket or letters-patent;

b. The obligations which the settler must accomplish;

c. The repayment to the Government of the expenditure for repairs or improvements on the lot incurred by it in the interest of the settler;

d. The time, from the date of his establishment, during which the settler will be entitled to cut timber or any quantity of timber on his lot, and the place where such timber may be cut;

e. The delay to be granted to the limit-holder to cut timber on such lots.

Further ap-
plication of
provisions.

The provisions of this section and the regulations passed under its authority may be applied to lots under timber-cutting license, after an agreement with the limit-holder.

Cutting of
timber for
non-com-
mercial
purposes.

4. When lots transferred to the Department are concerned and which are situated outside of the territory of a timber-limit, the Minister may, on the conditions fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, grant the right to settlers to cut timber thereon for non-commercial purposes.

Entering
into agree-
ments, etc.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, on the joint recommendation of the Minister and of the Minister of Lands and Forests, effect agreements and enter into contracts with the Federal or municipal authorities, the limit-holders and others, for the purpose of promoting the interests of colonization and the return to the land and for the better carrying out of this act.

6. The provisions of this act and of the regulations passed under its authority may, subject to the above restrictions, be applied to all the cases in which settlers have been placed on lots without location tickets since the 1st of January, 1931. Cases where provisions may be applied.

7. The monies required for the carrying out of this act shall be taken out of the consolidated revenue fund of the Province. Costs.

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

