



CHAPTER 128

An Act to ratify and confirm the title of The P. Q. Lumber Company to certain timber limits

Assented to, the 24th of February, 1927]

WHEREAS The P. Q. Lumber Company, a corporation Preamble. duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America, and registered as an extra-provincial company in the Province of Quebec, has, by its petition, represented:

That Timber Limits River Nouvelle East and River Nouvelle West were disposed of at public auction on the 5th of October, 1880, in favour of Louis Robitaille;

That on or before the 21st of February, 1890, the said timber limits were transferred by the said Louis Robitaille to Charles Audet, but no transfer in writing covering the said limits is of record in the Department of Lands and Forests, the only evidence of such transfer being a letter purporting to be signed by the transferor, bearing the last mentioned date, addressed to the Minister of Lands and Forests and advising that such transfer had been made;

That on or before the 10th of December, 1896, the said timber limits were transferred by the said Charles Audet to George McKean, but no transfer in writing covering the said limits is of record in the Department of Lands and Forests, the only evidence of such transfer being a letter purporting to be signed by the transferor, bearing the last mentioned date, addressed to the Minister of Lands and Forests and advising that such transfer had been made;

That Timber Limits River Nouvelle No. 3, West Branch River Nouvelle, Rear River Nouvelle East, River Mann East and River Mann West were disposed of at public auction on the 17th of October, 1888, in favour of McNair Bros. & Coy.;

That on or before the 11th of August, 1893, the last mentioned timber limits were transferred by the said McNair Bros. & Coy. to R. C. Corbett, but no transfer in writing covering the said limits is of record in the Department of Lands and Forests, the only evidence of such transfer being a letter purporting to be signed by the transferor, bearing the last mentioned date, addressed to the Minister of Lands and Forests and advising that such transfer had been made;

That on or before the 1st of October, 1895, the last mentioned timber limits were transferred by the said R. C. Corbett to George McKean, but no transfer in writing covering the said limits is of record in the Department of Lands and Forests, the only evidence of such transfer being a letter purporting to be signed by the transferor, bearing the last mentioned date, addressed to the Minister of Lands and Forests and advising that such transfer had been made;

That Timber Limit River Nouvelle No. 5 was disposed of at public auction on the 4th of June, 1900, in favour of George McKean;

That Timber Limit River Nouvelle No. 2 was disposed of at public auction on the 26th of June, 1900, in favour of George McKean;

That on or before the 18th of November, 1903, all the timber limits hereinabove mentioned were transferred by the said George McKean to Danaher & Melendy Company, but no transfer in writing covering the said limits is of record in the Department of Lands and Forests, the only evidence of such transfer being a letter purporting to be signed by the transferor, bearing the last mentioned date, addressed to the Minister of Lands and Forests and advising that such transfer had been made;

That on or before the 30th of December, 1911, an undivided half of all the timber limits hereinabove mentioned was transferred by the said Danaher & Melendy Company to J. C. Rathborne, but no transfer in writing covering the said limits is of record in the Department of Lands and Forests, the only evidence of such transfer being a letter purporting to be signed by the transferor, bearing the last mentioned date, addressed to the Minister of Lands and Forests and advising that such transfer had been made;

That by deed of sale executed on the 1st of May, 1912, the said Danaher & Melendy Company transferred an undivided half of all the timber limits hereinabove mentioned to James E. Danaher;

That by deed of sale executed on the 22nd of January, 1917, the said James E. Danaher transferred an undivided half of all the timber limits hereinabove mentioned to The P. Q. Lumber Company;

That by deed of sale executed on the 2nd of February, 1917, Dame G. W. Rathborne, widow of the late J. C. Rathborne, acting personally and in her quality of tutrix to the minor children of the said late J. C. Rathborne, transferred the remaining undivided half of the aforesaid timber limits to the said The P. Q. Lumber Company;

That since the acquisition by the said The P. Q. Lumber Company of the said timber limits, yearly licenses therefor have been regularly issued in its favour and the ground rents in respect thereof paid by it;

That the said The P. Q. Lumber Company is desirous of disposing of the said timber limits, but doubts have been expressed by the purchasers as to the sufficiency of the chain of title above disclosed, in view of the fact that some of the actual deeds of transfer were not deposited in the Department of Lands and Forests and cannot now be found, such transfers being only evidenced by letters addressed to the said Department, according to the practice in force at the time, and that it cannot be verified that all rights in the said timber limits were covered by such transfers as of their respective dates;

That it is expedient in view of such doubts that the title of the said The P. Q. Lumber Company to the said timber limits be ratified and confirmed and declared valid for all legal purposes;

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:

1. The title of the said The P. Q. Lumber Company to the timber limits hereinabove referred to and known as Title ratified, etc. Limits River Nouvelle East, River Nouvelle West, River Nouvelle No. 3, West Branch River Nouvelle, Rear River Nouvelle East, River Mann East, River Mann West, River Nouvelle No. 5 and River Nouvelle No. 2, held under license from the Province of Quebec, is hereby ratified and confirmed and declared valid for all legal purposes.

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