

C H A P. 162

An Act to ratify the acquisition of properties and the disposal of same by William Currie, Limited

[Assented to, the 19th of March, 1925]

WHEREAS William Currie, Limited, has, by its petition, Preamble, represented that it was incorporated by charter of the Dominion of Canada, dated 21st of January, 1913, and that since that time it has carried on business with its head office in the city of Montreal;

That the said company has acquired certain immoveable property in the Province of Quebec, to wit:

1. Those two lots of land fronting on Thirty-Fourth Avenue, now Guizot Street, in Ahuntsic-Bordeaux ward of the city of Montreal, known and designated under the numbers four hundred and forty-one and four hundred and forty-two of the subdivision of lot number two thousand six hundred and twenty-nine (Nos. 2629-441 and 442) on the official plan and book of reference of the parish of St. Laurent, without buildings thereon erected;

2. Two blocks of land fronting on Angus Boulevard in the town of St. Michel in the district of Montreal composed of the lots of land which are known and designated on the official plan and in the book of reference of the parish of Sault-au-Récollet as subdivision lots numbers sixteen to eighteen inclusive and thirty-eight to fifty inclusive of the original lot number three hundred and fifty-nine (Nos. 359-16, 17, 18, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 & 50);

3. The emplacement situate on the northerly corner of Notre-Dame street west and Bisson street (formerly known as Roy Lane) in the said city of Montreal, which is known and designated by the number eight hundred and ninety-six (No. 896) on the official plan and book of reference of the St. Antoine ward and is of irregular figure and contains about sixty feet in width in front on Notre-Dame street by about one hundred and twenty feet in depth, English measure, more or less, without warranty, and is bounded as follows: In front towards the southeast by said Notre-Dame street, in rear towards the northwest by lot number eight hundred and ninety-five, the property of one Frechette or representatives, on one side, towards the northeast by lot number eight hundred and ninety-seven, the property of Walter Benny or representatives, and on the other side, towards the southwest by the said Bisson street; with all the buildings thereon known as Nos. 353, 355, 357 and 359, Notre-Dame street west, and

No. 7 Bisson street, and with all the rights, members and appurtenances belonging to the said property, without any exception or reserve whatsoever on the part of the vendor;

4. Those two lots of land fronting on Labelle street, now Chateaubriand, in St. Denis ward of the city of Montreal, formerly known as the village of Villeraie, and known and designated under the numbers one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine of the official subdivision of lot number two thousand six hundred and thirty (Nos. 2630-108 & 109) on the official plan and book of reference of the parish of St. Laurent; with all the buildings thereon erected being Nos. 271, 273 and 275 of Chateaubriand avenue and 935 and 949 of Françoise Barry avenue, as the whole now subsists;

That the acquisitions of the said properties, as hereinabove described, have been declared to be illegal by reason of the law of mortmain;

That the present law of mortmain, as it now stands and as amended in 1918, does not avail in favour of the petitioner, because of the fact that the company did not have the original power, by its charter, to acquire immoveables;

That the only way to regularise the titles herein is by the passage of a private bill to that effect, and that, without such private bill, a great wrong will be suffered by the petitioner and also by the purchasers from same who are actually asking the petitioner for a title which the latter cannot give unless ratification is given by the Legislature to the acquisitions made by the company;

Whereas the petitioner has prayed for an act ratifying the acquisition of the properties herein described, and also the disposal of same by the petitioner, thereby regularizing the title of the said properties in the hands of the petitioner or any person who has, previous to this date, acquired from it; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant its prayer;

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

Law of
mortmain
not to in-
validate.

1. The law of mortmain shall not invalidate the acquisition of the properties herein described by William Currie, Limited, and also the disposal of same by it made, and such law of mortmain cannot be invoked against William Currie, Limited, or any other person who previous to this date had acquired from it.

Coming into
force.

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