

Whereas in certain cases it is impossible to make proof of the death of such persons, either by the production of a burial certificate or by the evidence of those who were witnesses of the death, on the battlefield or elsewhere;

Whereas the military authorities make investigations according to the formalities required by the provisions of the order of the Governor-General of Canada in Council of the 6th of January, 1916 (P. C. No. 2890), to establish the death of soldiers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in England and abroad;

Whereas it is expedient that the document certifying to the death of any such soldier, signed by any of the persons hereinafter mentioned, shall establish, failing proof to the contrary, that the soldier therein named died while on active service in England or abroad;

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

**1.** A certificate in writing, signed by the Director of Pay and Record Services of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces, or by the Director or other head of the Record Office at the Military Headquarters, Ottawa, or by any other officer designated by the Governor-General of Canada in Council for that purpose, stating that the person named in the certificate was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and died while overseas, shall establish, until proof is made to the contrary, the death of such person, for all purposes to which the authority of the Legislature of this Province extends.

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

## C H A P. 73

An Act to validate certain notarial deeds

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

**W**HEREAS a considerable number of wills have been received without mention being made of the reading thereof, as required by article 843 of the Civil Code, to the great injury of the interested parties;

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

**Certain wills validated.** **1.** Every will in notarial form received before two notaries or before a notary and two witnesses, without mention being made in the will that it has been read to the testator by one of the notaries in presence of the other or by the notary in presence of the two witnesses, from and after the coming into force of this act, shall be considered as authentic and valid, notwithstanding such failure to mention the reading, as if such mention had been made in the will, provided however that no other cause of nullity exists.

**Pending cases.** **2.** This act shall not apply to pending cases as regards costs, nor to cases already decided.

**Coming into force.** **3.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

## C H A P. 74

An Act to amend articles 1550 and 2101 of the Civil Code

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

**HIS MAJESTY**, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**C. C., art. 1550, am.** **1.** Article 1550 of the Civil Code is amended by replacing the words: "bring a suit for the enforcement of", in the second and third lines thereof, by the word: "exercise".

**Id., art. 2101, am.** **2.** Article 2101 of the Civil Code is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

**Exercise of right to be evidenced by deed.** "The exercise of a right of redemption, when the purchaser has voluntarily consented thereto without the judgment of a court, must be evidenced by a deed signed by the purchaser declaring that the said immoveable has been taken back by the vendor; and the registration of such deed within thirty days from its date shall preserve all his rights and privileges against persons registering their rights between the date of such document and that of its registration".

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tion.**

**Pending cases.** **3.** This act shall not affect pending cases.

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