

Captain Francis Chattan Stephens, and The Royal Trust Company, the executors and trustees under the will of the late Captain Francis Chattan Stephens, have prayed that an act be passed to remove any doubts as to their powers under said will, and it is expedient to grant their prayer;

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

1. The executors and trustees under the will of the late Captain Francis Chattan Stephens, without the concurrence of the heirs, under said will, or anyone representing them, are vested with the right to sell, lease, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the property immoveable as well as moveable bequeathed to them in trust by said will on such terms and conditions and for such considerations as they may deem proper, including the securities of any incorporated company that may be formed for the purpose of taking over the real estate forming part of the estate of the late Honourable George Washington Stephens, should such a step be decided upon.

2. They are likewise without such concurrence empowered to take part in any partition of property in which the said Captain Francis Chattan Stephens had an interest.

3. Nothing in this act shall be interpreted as giving the executors any greater power to dispose of the said moveable and immoveable property than was possessed by the late Francis Chattan Stephens himself.

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

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An Act respecting the estate of the Honourable Joseph Octave Villeneuve

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

WHEREAS Jacques Villeneuve, manufacturer, of the city and district of Montreal, has, by his petition, represented:

That by his will, dated the 16th October, 1900, made before Joseph P. Landry and Hilaire Hurteau, notaries, the Honourable Joseph Octave Villeneuve bequeathed to

his widow, Dame Suzan Ann Walker, a life rent which was fixed at the sum of three thousand six hundred dollars, by the act 2 Edward VII, chapter 115, section 2;

Whereas Dame Suzan Ann Walker died recently and, by her will made before Raoul Dumouchel, notary, on the 31st May, 1918, declared as the expression of her last will the desire that the testamentary executors of the estate of her late husband, the Honourable Joseph Octave Villeneuve, pay in equal shares to her three children: Jacques Villeneuve (the petitioner), Eugène Villeneuve and Dame Rachel Villeneuve, wife of Mr. Alphonse Morin, the annual rent which she received under her said husband's will and the abovementioned act of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec;

Whereas after expressing this desire, she adds:

"I believe I have acquired rights to this rent, because during about forty years, I seconded the Honourable Mr. Villeneuve in his undertakings, helping him with my counsels and work as mistress of his home. It is my duty, in justice, to restore these rights to my children, who have surrounded me with care, treated me with respect and deference, and who, I know, are at a rather advanced age, and have to bear the burden of the ever-increasing cost of living.

"I authorize the said executors or heirs, or any of them, to take all necessary steps with the proper authorities to realize my last desire, and I specially request the said testamentary executors to second all requests to that effect made by my children and legatees or any of them";

Whereas, by the act 5 George V, chapter 160, section 1, it was admitted, with the consent of the testamentary executors and the children of Honourable J. O. Villeneuve, that a yearly life-rent was to be paid them;

Whereas the petitioner has represented that the excessive cost of living requires that the yearly life-rent paid the children of the Honourable J. O. Villeneuve be increased by the amount, divided into three parts, of the rent heretofore paid the late Dame Susan Ann Walker;

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

Annual rent increased. 1. The annual rent of one thousand dollars constituted in favour of each of the children of the late Honourable Joseph Octave Villeneuve, namely: Jacques Villeneuve, Eugène Villeneuve and Dame Rachel Villeneuve, by the act 5 George V, chapter 160, section 1, and declared to be a life rent by the said act, is increased to two thousand two

hundred dollars and shall be paid to each of the said children during their lifetime.

2. The life rents created by the will and acts respecting the estate of the late Honourable Joseph Octave Ville-neuve, are declared non-transferable and not liable to seizure, and to be bequeathed as alimony. Life rents declared non-transferable, etc.

3. The estate shall pay the costs and disbursements incurred for the passing of this act. Costs of this act.

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

C H A P. 160

An Act to authorize the bar of the Province of Quebec to admit Abraham Saul Cohen to the practice of law, after examination

[Assented to, 4th of March, 1919]

WHEREAS Abraham Saul Cohen, student at law, has, by his petition, represented: Preamble.

That he formerly resided in the city of Boston in the State of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America, and whilst there became a member of the Bar of Massachusetts;

That he is a Bachelor of Law, of the Boston Law School;

That he took up residence in the city of Montreal some years ago, and has become a British subject;

That he is desirous of becoming a member of the Bar of the Province of Quebec, and seeing that he is already a member of the Bar of Massachusetts, wishes to be relieved from the obligation imposed by the rules of the Bar of the Province of Quebec of being admitted to the study of law in this Province, by the passing of preliminary examinations, and also of indentures;

That, at a meeting of the Bar of the Province of Quebec, a resolution was passed approving the passing of an act allowing the petitioner to be admitted to practice immediately after passing the examinations for admission to practice;

Whereas the said Abraham Saul Cohen has prayed for the passing of an act for the purposes aforesaid, and it is expedient to grant the prayer to that effect contained in the said petition;