

signations
validated.

V, chapter 77, sections 1 and 2, the designation of any part of a lot entered on the plan and book of reference, made between the 5th of March, 1915, and the day of the coming into force of this act, shall be validated in so far as need may be, provided it has been made in accordance with the laws in force before the 5th of March, 1915.

Pending
cases.

4. This act shall not affect pending cases.

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 36

An Act relating to the authentication of certain registers and books of registration in the district of Terrebonne:

[Assented to 9th March, 1916]

Preamble.

WHEREAS certain registers and other registration books in the district of Terrebonne have not been authenticated in the exact manner required by law, but by the facsimile of the signature or initials of the prothonotary of the Superior Court of the district of Terrebonne;

Whereas doubts exist as to the sufficiency of such authentication; and whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts;

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

Appoint-
ment of
special com-
missioner to
examine
registers,
etc.

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize one of the officers discharging the duties of the prothonotary, or the prothonotary of the Superior Court for the district of Terrebonne, or some other competent person, to make a verification of, and to examine, the different registers and registration books in use in the district of Terrebonne, which have been irregularly authenticated by the facsimile of the signature or initials of the prothonotary of the Superior Court of the district of Terrebonne.

For the purposes of this act the person so authorized shall be called a special commissioner.

Special com-
missioner to
countersign.

2. The special commissioner, after the investigation and examination that he deems necessary to establish that the facsimile of the signature or initials of the prothonotary of the Superior Court of the district of Terrebonne, which

appears on each register or book of registration so irregularly authenticated, is indeed the facsimile of the signature or initials of the prothonotary of the Superior Court of the district of Terrebonne at such time, shall be bound to countersign the irregular attestations entered on the first page of each such register or book of registration, and to affix the initial letters of his name on each leaf of the said registers or books of registration so irregularly initialed.

3. The special commissioner must authenticate the registers or books of registration so entrusted to him for examination as if he were the officer mentioned in article 1317 of the Code of Civil Procedure. ^{Authentica- tion.}

4. The special commissioner, after having authenticated each register or book of registration so irregularly authenticated, must add, under his signature affixed to the first page of each such register or book of registration, the words: "Special Commissioner under the act 6 George V, chapter 36." ^{Words to be added.}

5. The registers or books of registration authenticated under the authority of this act shall be valid for all legal purposes, as if they had been authenticated according to law before any entry had been made in them. ^{Registers to be valid.}

6. Before commencing his duties the special commissioner shall be bound to take oath to well and scrupulously perform the duties imposed upon him by this act. ^{Oath to be taken.}

Such oath shall be taken before a judge of the Superior Court having jurisdiction in the district of Terrebonne, and a certificate of the taking thereof shall be transmitted without delay to the Attorney-General. ^{Before whom.}

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act, the validity of the irregular authentication of the registers or books of registration for which a new authentication is ordered, shall not be affected, even before the new authentication has been completed, by the sole fact that such irregular authentication was not according to law. ^{Validity not to be affected.}

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