

" **1343.** All lots, sold or located by the authority of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, prior to the date of any license to cut timber for any territory wherein such lots are situated, are to be held as excepted from such license ; but any lots so sold or located within such territory, after the date of any such license, shall cease to be subject to such license only after the thirtieth day of April next following, and whenever the sale of any such lot is cancelled, the said lot shall be restored to such license."

Lots sold for settlement to be taken out of license and when.

If sale cancelled.

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

Coming into force.

### CAP. XIX.

An Act authorizing free grants to the fathers and mothers of twelve children.

[Assented to 24th June, 1892.]

**WHEREAS** the law respecting free grants to fathers and mothers of twelve children has, in its application, given rise to serious difficulties ;

Preamble.

Whereas various persons have endeavored to avail themselves of the provisions of the said law ;

Whereas it is expedient to remedy the defects in the law and to insure to such persons the advantages of certain free grants ;

Whereas it is expedient to allow, for a certain time, other persons who come within the requisite conditions to profit by the said grants ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

**1.** The act 53 Victoria, chapter 26, and the act amending the same, 54 Victoria, chapter 19, are repealed.

53 V., c. 26, and 54 V., c. 19, repealed.

**2.** The following paragraph is added to section fourth of chapter sixth of title fourth of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec :

Paragraph added to R. S. Q., title fourth, chapter sixth, section fourth.

" § 3 a.—*Free grants to fathers and mothers of twelve children.*

" **1267 a.** Fathers and mothers of families, being British subjects, domiciled in this Province, having twelve children living, born in lawful wedlock, have a right to a grant of one hundred acres of land selected, in the manner hereinafter determined, out of the public lands, fit for cultivation, for sale and disposable at the time of selection, in the township,

Certain fathers and mothers entitled to free grant of public lands.

parish or unorganized territory in which such fathers and mothers have their domicile, or, if there are no such lands therein, then in the township, parish or unorganized territory nearest to such domicile.

Who is to make application therefor, &c.

“ **1267b.** When the father is living, he alone makes application for and selects the one hundred acres of which he requires the concession ; but when the father is dead, the mother makes such application and selection.

Application how made and to be accompanied with what certificates, &c.

“ **1267c.** The application is made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, by petition, accompanied by the certificate of the marriage of the petitioning husband or wife, a certificate drawn up in accordance with form A of this paragraph, or in accordance with any other equivalent form, attested under oath before a justice of the peace or a commissioner of the Superior Court, establishing the number and names of the petitioner's children, and a certificate from the parish priest (*cure*), missionary or minister of the parish of his domicile, corroborating the truth of the allegations of his petition. In case the latter have not sufficient personal knowledge of the facts alleged by the petitioner, the certificate last mentioned may be given any person or persons having such knowledge of the facts or some of the facts ; and, in case compliance with these formalities is impossible, the Commissioner may accept any proof that he may deem sufficient.

Duty of Commissioner on receipt of application.

Selection of lot.

“ **1267d.** After examining the petition and certificates, the Commissioner decides whether the petition is founded and notifies such decision to the petitioner, who then selects the hundred acres of land as above and notifies his selection to the Commissioner.

Granting of lot selected.

Proviso.

“ **1267e.** Upon being notified of the selection by the petitioner, the Commissioner grants the lands chosen to the consorts or to the survivor and orders the issue of letters-patent. He may, however, refuse the grant for the land selected, if such land is mining land, or if merchantable timber is found thereon, in which case the petitioner may select another lot, the whole subject to article 1343 of these Revised Statutes, as replaced by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 18, section 4.

Land granted not liable to seizure, &c.

“ **1267f.** Unless for municipal and school taxes, or for building and repairing of churches and parsonages, no lot of land granted under the authority of this law, nor the improvements made thereon, shall be seized for a debt due by the father and mother to whom it has been conceded, nor can it be sold, hypothecated nor otherwise alienated

by such father and mother, except by gift *inter vivos* or by will in favor of one or more of the children of such father and mother.

“ 1257g. Books shall be kept in the Department of Crown Lands showing : Books to be kept in Department.

1. The lands granted by the Commissioner and the part of the Province in which they are situated ;
2. The names of the persons to whom granted ;
3. The date of the grant or title.

“ 1257h. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make the regulations that may be necessary to meet unforeseen cases and for the more efficient working of this law.” Regulations by Lieutenant-Governor or in Council.

3. The petitions submitted, the certificates and proof furnished, and all other useful proceedings already made to obtain such free grants, may avail for the same purposes under this act. Petitions, &c., under repealed acts.

4. This act may be cited as “ The twelve children act.” Citation of act.

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

FORM A.

CERTIFICATE OF THE FATHER OR MOTHER OF A FAMILY THAT HE OR SHE HAS TWELVE CHILDREN LIVING.

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ do certify, in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ justice of the peace for the district of \_\_\_\_\_ that I have twelve children living, issue of my lawful marriage with \_\_\_\_\_ my wife (*or* husband,) the names of such children being as follows :

(Signature)

A. B.

Father (*or* mother) of the family,

Sworn before me at \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 }  
 (Signature) C. D. }

Justice of the Peace.  
*or* Commissioner of the Superior Court.