

Formation of
colonization
societies in
certain places.

“ A colonization society may, as hereinafter provided, be formed in each of the cities and towns of Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, St Hyacinthe, Sherbrooke, Hull, Chicoutimi, and Rimouski, as well as in any other place approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and the aim and object of such societies shall be : ”

Coming into
force.

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

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An Act to confer a privilege upon fathers or mothers of
of families who have twelve children living.

[Assented to 2nd April, 1890.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is advisable, following the example of past centuries, to give marks of consideration for fruitfulness in the sacred bonds of matrimony ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Section added
after R. S. Q.,
t. 4, c. 7, s. 12.

1. The following section is added to chapter seven of title four of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec :

“ SECTION XIII.

“ PRIVILEGE OF FATHERS OR MOTHERS OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE TWELVE CHILDREN LIVING.

Certain
fathers en-
titled to grant
of public
lands.

“ **1748a.** Every father or mother of a family, born or naturalized and domiciled in this Province, who has twelve children living, born in lawful wedlock, is entitled to one hundred acres of public lands, to be selected by him, subject to the conditions of concession and settlement required by the law respecting Crown Lands.

Property in
such land.

“ **1748b.** The enjoyment and usufruct of the said hundred acres of land shall belong to the father or mother of such twelve children, during his or her life-time, and the ownership, including the amounts expended thereon and improvements thereto, belongs to that one of the twelve children in whose favour the father, or, in case of his death, the mother, has made a donation or gift *inter vivos* or by will to be his homestead.

How to be dis-
posed of.

If not disposed
of.

“ **1748c.** In the event of the father or mother dying without making a donation as aforesaid, the property falls into the estate or succession.

" **1748d.** The lands so given by the Government cannot be alienated by the father or mother so long as they have the enjoyment thereof, nor, except for municipal or school taxes and construction of and repairs to churches or parsonages, be seized or hypothecated. Property not to be alienated or subject to seizure, &c.

" **1748e.** Every father or mother of a family, who is entitled to benefit by the advantages granted by this act, shall, for that purpose, present a petition to the Provincial Secretary accompanied by his certificate of marriage, a certificate of birth of each child, as well as a certificate, sworn before a justice of the peace, giving the number and names of such children, drawn up according to form A of this section, or in any other form of like tenor. Petition required for grant of land

" **1748f.** After examining the petition and certificates, the Provincial Secretary reports to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Report thereon.

" **1748g.** If the Lieutenant-Governor in Council grants the petition, an order is passed to that effect and a copy is sent to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, whose duty it is to grant the petitioner the one hundred acres he has selected. Order in Council for grant.

" **1748h.** A title of concession, drawn up according to form B, or in any other form of like tenor, is given in consequence by the Commissioner to avail for all lawful purposes. Title to land.

" **1748i.** Books shall be kept in the Department of Crown Lands, showing : Books to be kept in Department of Crown Lands respecting.

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

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

FORM A.

CERTIFICATE OF THE FATHER *or* MOTHER OF A FAMILY
THAT HE *or* SHE ^{is} 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 :

(Signed)

A. B.

Father (*or* mother) of the family.

Sworn before me at
this _____ day of _____ 18
(Signed)

C. D.

Justice of the Peace.

FORM B.

GRANT OF PUBLIC LANDS IN FAVOUR OF THE FATHER
or MOTHER OF A FAMILY HAVING TWELVE
CHILDREN LIVING.

CANADA }
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. }

VICTORIA, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF THE UNITED KING-
DOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND, QUEEN, DEFEN-
DER OF THE FAITH &c. &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the
same may concern,

GREETING :

Know ye that of OUR SPECIAL GRACE, full knowledge
and good will, We have given and granted, for Ourselves,
Our heirs and successors, and by these presents do give
and grant unto (*name of the father or mother*) in our Province
of Quebec, who has established, according to law, that he
or she is the father *or* mother of twelve living children,
issue of his *or* her lawful marriage with (*name of wife or*
husband), all that parcel of land being and situate in the
township of _____ in the county of _____
in Our said Province of Quebec,

containing, according to survey, one hundred acres, more or less, and described as follows ; to wit :

For the said (*name of the father or mother*) and in the event of the death of the husband, his widow, to enjoy the same as usufructuary as property in free and common soccage, according to the law of the country, and to leave the ownership thereof to one of his *or* her twelve children at his *or* her option, the whole in accordance with Section XIIIa, of chapter seven of title four of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec.

In faith and testimony whereof WE have caused these OUR LETTERS TO BE MADE PATENT and the GREAT SEAL OF OUR said Province of Quebec to be thereunto affixed.

WITNESS OUR FAITHFUL AND WELL BELOVED, the Honorable _____, Lieutenant-Governor of OUR said Province of Quebec.

Given in OUR city of Quebec, this _____ day of _____ in the year of OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and _____ and of Our Reign the

By order.

Secretary

Asst.-Com. of Cown Lands.

C A P . X X V I I .

An Act to amend the law respecting Public Instruction.

[Assented to 2nd April, 1890.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Article 1916 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec is amended, by adding in the fifth line of the second paragraph, after the words “ within eight days,” the words “ at least.” R. S. Q., art 1916 amend-
ed.

2. Paragraph 2 of article 2020 of the said Revised Statutes is repealed. Id., art. 2020,
§ 2 repealed.

3. Article 2022 of the said Revised Statutes is amended, by adding the following words : “ which shall be given at least two days before that fixed for such meetings.” Id., art. 2022
amended.