

CAP. XIII.

An Act to encourage the planting of forest trees.

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the planting of forest trees ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Whosoever, being the proprietor of, or in possession as proprietor or as usufructuary of any land, shall plant any part of such land, not less than one acre in extent, with forest trees, shall be entitled to receive, in respect of every acre of land so planted, a land-order, in the form of the schedule hereunto annexed, which shall authorize him to purchase, to such an amount, not exceeding twelve dollars, any of the public lands, which may be open for sale within the Crown land agency in which the trees shall have been planted, or should there be no such agency then in the nearest agency, subject to the laws and regulations for the time being in force regulating the sale and disposal of public lands.

No order shall be issued until it be satisfactorily shown that the land has been devoted to purposes of planting for at least three years, that the trees are in a vigorous and healthy state, and that the land is securely fenced against both sheep and cattle.

Provided always, that if root crops are cultivated among the forest trees planted on any land, such land shall not by reason only of such crops being cultivated be deemed to be not devoted only to purposes of planting according to this Act.

2. Every such land-order is transferable and shall be exercised within two years from the date thereof, and if not exercised within such period shall be absolutely null and void, and no renewal thereof shall be granted.

3. No land once planted shall entitle the planter to more than one order in respect of the same.

4. The lieutenant-governor in council may, from time to time, make regulations respecting :

1. The number and description of trees to be planted in each acre ;

2. The number of years, during which the trees so planted, shall be preserved and not cut down.

3. The other terms and conditions to be fulfilled by persons claiming a land-order.

Proprietors, &c., planting their land to certain extent with trees entitled to land order.

Form of such order and privileges thereunder,

Conditions of issue of order.

Cultivation of root crops among trees not to prevent land orders being issued.

Land order is transferable.

Void after certain time.

Only one order to be given for one piece of land planted.

Lieutenant-Governor in council may make certain regulations.

May appoint
arbor day.

And the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint, by proclamation a day to be observed as "arbor day," for the planting of forest trees.

Regulations
may be
changed, &c.

5. Such regulations may be altered or repealed without however affecting any right acquired under such regulations.

Land order
may be used
to purchase
lands and how.

6. The commissioner shall, whenever such land-order has been offered him in payment of the purchase money of public lands, mention the same upon the back of such land-order and shall give to the holder of such land-order a receipt or certificate, which shall have the same effect as if the purchase money of such land had been paid in cash according to law and the regulations respecting the sale of public lands.

Return of land
order when
fully exercised

7. When the land-order has been fully exercised it shall be given up to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Extent of land
to be acquired
under act.

8. No land can be acquired under this act unless it is of fifty acres in extent and does not exceed two hundred acres ; but if any person is entitled to a land-order for less than fifty acres, he may pay the balance in money, under the same terms and conditions as other public lands are acquired.

Certain plant-
ing be a com-
pliance with
act.

9. The planting of seeds, nuts or cuttings shall be considered a compliance with the provisions of this act.

Act in force by
proclamation.

10. The present act shall come into force by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in such parts of the Province as shall be fixed in such proclamation or by any other proclamation to be thereafter issued.

SCHEDULE.

In the exercise of the powers in me vested by the Act 45 Victoria, chapter 13, I hereby authorize
of _____ in the District of _____, to purchase
to the amount of _____ dollars, any of the public
lands in the Crown Lands Agency of _____
, open for sale or selection, without payment in cash
therefor, subject however, to the provisions in the said act
contained.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 18

(Signature,)

Commissioner of Crown Lands.