

Duties of the officers.

5. The officers usually authorized to authenticate the registers of the registry offices and those of the sheriffs are empowered, and shall be bound, on application, to make the attestations of authenticity required by this act.

Registrar of Ottawa.

6. The registrar of the county of Ottawa is authorized and required to certify, at the end of the last deed registered in the fifteenth volume of register B, that such deed is the last document registered in such volume, and that such register is continued to the sixteenth volume thereof.

The fifteenth volume of such register B, so certified by the registrar of the county of Ottawa, shall be deemed to be closed and completed, and the entries in such register shall, notwithstanding article 2180 of the civil code, be deemed to have been made in continuation without blanks.

Sheriff of Rimouski.

7. The attestations of authenticity affixed by the prothonotary of the superior court for the district of Rimouski, to the register of the deeds of sale of the Sheriff of such District, are hereby declared good and valid, and they shall have to all intents and purposes the same effect, as if they had been made at the same time and in the same manner.

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An Act to remedy certain informalities in the Deeds of Sale of Real Estate given by Philip Vibert, heretofore Sheriff of Gaspé.

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Philip Vibert, heretofore sheriff of the county of Gaspé, has, during the holding of his office, given deeds of sale of real estate, without having affixed the stamps thereon, required by law, and it is expedient to legalize the deeds so passed; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Titles declared valid.

8. All titles or deeds of sale of real estate made by Philip Vibert, heretofore sheriff of the county of Gaspé, in his capacity of sheriff, and all copies of such titles or deeds of sale, on which the stamps required by law have not been affixed, notwithstanding the non fulfilment of such formality, are declared to have been and to be valid as if the required stamps had been affixed; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner whatso-

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ever affect any cause now pending before any court of justice, in this province.

2. The present act shall come into force at the time of ^{Coming into force of this act.} sanction thereof.

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An Act to render valid certain Deeds and Documents executed in the District of Gaspé.

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

WHEREAS various deeds and documents have been ^{Preamble.} executed in the district of Gaspé, before a justice of the peace, minister, *curé* or missionary and two subscribing witnesses, or before a prothonotary and two subscribing witnesses, or simply before two subscribing witnesses, subsequently to there being two notaries resident and practising in each of the counties of Gaspé and Bonaventure, deeds and documents, which the parties have executed or desired to execute in good faith, which they have always regarded as obligatory, and by which they have always understood their real and personal property was bound and effected; and whereas, therefore, it is necessary to remedy the great inconvenience and disorder, which would result, were these deeds and documents to be deemed null, from the same not having been executed and passed before notaries; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Every deed, document or agreement in writing, will, ^{Certain deeds declared valid.} inventory, *partage*, donation or marriage contract, executed and passed, previous to the coming into force of this act, in any of the counties of Gaspé and Bonaventure, subsequently to there being two notaries resident or practising, in each such county, before any justice of the peace, minister, missionary or *curé*, and two subscribing witnesses, or before a prothonotary and two subscribing witnesses, or simply before two subscribing witnesses, has had and shall have the same effect in law, as it would have had, if subsection two, of the thirteenth section, of chapter thirty-eight, of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, had never come into force; provided that nothing in this act contain- ^{Proviso:} ed shall in any manner affect pending cases, nor rights acquired by third persons not parties to the said deeds.