

the non-observance and non-fulfilment of the condition imposed in and by certain patents issued for public lands, of taking the oaths which may have been heretofore prescribed in case of any subsequent sale, conveyance, enfeoffment or exchange, by the patentee, and of recording such oaths, within twelve months after having taken possession, in the office of the secretary of the province, or of performing certain settlement duties, shall not affect in any way the patent or title of any patentee, or of any subsequent purchaser or proprietor.

44. All legal proceedings commenced in virtue of acts repealed, shall be continued; and the rights acquired by virtue and under acts repealed shall be valid, and all orders in council, and regulations of the department, and acts done thereunder, and appointments to office now in force or existing shall continue until altered or revoked, as if the said acts had not been repealed; and all the provisions of this act shall apply to lands under patent, grant, sale, location, lease or license of occupation at the time of the passing thereof, as well as to lands disposed of after the passing thereof.

45. Compensation awarded under the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sections of this act (except where land is specifically assigned therefor by the commissioner of crown lands) and all claims therefor shall be treated as personal estate and dealt with accordingly.

46. The term "public lands" shall be held to apply to lands heretofore designated or known as crown lands and clergy lands, which designations, for the purposes of administration, shall still continue.

47. The act of the late province of Canada twenty-third Victoria, chapter two, in so far as it applies to this province, is hereby repealed.

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An Act to explain chapter twenty-three of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada.

[Assented to, 5th April, 1869.]

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

1. According to the true intent and meaning of chapter twenty-three of the consolidated statutes of Canada, in so far as it applies to this province, the commissioner of crown lands always had and still has the power of issuing licenses

of any subsequent purchaser not affected by non-observance of certain conditions.

Proceedings under repealed Acts continued—provisions of Act to apply to lands now under patent, &c.

Compensation under ss. 27 and 28 to be personalty—Except, &c.

Definition of the term "public lands."

23 V. c. 2 repealed.

Cap. 23 C. S. C. explained.

