

(d.) The payment to any person or persons by yearly or periodical payments or otherwise of any annuity, rent-charge, or sum of money other than a debt :

“Mortgagee” means the proprietor of a mortgage :

“Mortgagor” means the proprietor of any estate or interest charged with a mortgage :

“Proprietor” means any person seised or possessed of any estate or interest in land, at law or in equity, in possession or expectancy :

“Registrar” and “Examiner” mean respectively the District Land Registrar and Examiner of Titles of the district within which any land to be dealt with or affected is situated :

“Registrar-General” means the Registrar-General of Land appointed under this Act :

“Surveyor-General” means the person holding office with that title under the Land Act, 1908, or otherwise :

“The Land Transfer Acts” means this Act, and includes any former Land Transfer Act :

“Transmission” means the acquirement of title to an estate or interest consequent on the death or bankruptcy of a registered proprietor, or as his executor or administrator, or as trustee under a will or settlement, or by virtue of appointment or succession to any office.

1913, No. 17, s. 3

*Districts, Officers, &c.*

Existing districts continued.

1908, No. 99, s. 3

3. (1.) The several land registration districts constituted under or by virtue of any former Land Transfer Act, or by or under any special Act, as the same are defined and existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, shall be land registration districts for the purposes of this Act.

Governor may abolish or alter districts.

(2.) The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council alter the boundaries of any such district, or may abolish any such district by including the same within the limits of some other district or districts.

Appointment of Registrar-General and other officers. *Ib.*, s. 4

1913, No. 17, s. 4

1912, No. 23, s. 60 (3)

4. (1.) There shall be, for the purposes of this Act, an officer to be called the Registrar-General of Land ; also, in and for each land registration district, an officer to be called the District Land Registrar.

(2.) In addition to the above there may be appointed in and for each or any district one or more Examiners of Titles, and one or more Assistant Land Registrars, which last-named officers shall in all respects act under and conform to the directions of the District Land Registrar, and, subject thereto, shall have all the powers and may exercise all the functions of the District Land Registrar, except such as are expressly required to be exercised in conjunction with the Examiner of Titles.

(3.) All references in this Act to the Examiner of Titles shall be deemed to be references to any Examiner of Titles appointed for the district.

Existing officers continued.

(4.) All persons holding any of the above offices at the time of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to have been duly appointed under this Act.

Appointment of deputies.

1908, No. 99, s. 5

1912, No. 23, s. 60 (3)

5. There may also be appointed from time to time a deputy to act in the place of any officer holding office under this Act, during the absence of such officer from any cause, or during the vacancy of any office by death or otherwise ; and such deputy, during the time he continues to act, shall have all the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the officer to whom he is deputy.