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CHAPTER 34

The Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgages Act

1. In this Act,

Interpre-

- (a) "actual and continued change of possession" means such change of possession as is open and reasonably sufficient to afford public notice thereof;
- (b) "creditors" includes creditors of the mortgagor or bargainor suing on behalf of themselves and other creditors, an assignee in insolvency or trustee in bankruptcy of a mortgagor or bargainor, the liquidator of a company in a winding up proceeding under the Winding-up Act (Canada), and an assignee for R.S.C. 1952, the general benefit of creditors, as well as creditors c. 296 having executions against the goods and chattels of the mortgagor or bargainor in the hands of a sheriff or other officer;
- (c) "debentures" includes debentures, debenture stock, notes, bonds or other securiities that contain or are entitled to the benefit of a mortgage charge or floating charge on the personal assets of any company;
- (d) "mortgage" includes a conveyance intended to operate as a mortgage and any deed or instrument by which a charge or floating charge is created upon personal property; (See also sections 19 and 20.)
- (e) "rolling stock" means any locomotive, engine, motor car, tender, snow plough, flanger, and every description of car or of railway equipment designed for movement on its wheels over or upon the rails or tracks of a railway. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 1.
- 2. This Act does not apply to an assignment for the general Assignment for benefit benefit of creditors to which The Assignments and Preferences of creditors excepted Act applies. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 2, amended.

 R.S.O. 1960, c. 25
- **3.** This Act does not apply to mortgages of vessels regis-of registered tered under any Act in that behalf. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 3. Westerned excepted

Registration of mortgages of goods not attended with change of possession

- 4. Every mortgage of goods and chattels in Ontario that is not accompanied by an immediate delivery and an actual and continued change of possession of the things mortgaged shall be registered as provided in this Act, together with,
 - (a) the affidavit of an attesting witness thereto of the due execution of such mortgage, which affidavit shall also state the date of the execution of the mortgage; and
 - (b) the affidavit of the mortgagee that the mortgagor therein named is justly and truly indebted to the mortgagee in the sum mentioned in the mortgage, that the mortgage was executed in good faith and for the express purpose of securing the payment of money justly due or accruing due and not for the purpose of protecting the goods and chattels mentioned therein against the creditors of the mortgagor, or of preventing the creditors of such mortgagor from obtaining payment of any claim against him or, in cases falling within section 5, the affidavit therein prescribed. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 4.

Mortgage.

5. Where a mortgage of goods and chattels is made,

to secure future advances or endorsements (a) to secure the mortgagee for advances made in pursuance of an agreement in writing to make future advances for the purpose of enabling the borrower to enter into or to carry on business with such advances, the time of repayment thereof not being longer than one year from the making of the agreement; or

to secure against liability as surety (b) to secure the mortgagee against the endorsement of any bill of exchange or promissory note or other liability by him incurred for the mortgagor, such liability not extending for a longer time than one year from the date of the mortgage,

the affidavit of the mortgagee shall state that the mortgage truly sets forth the agreement and truly states the extent and amount of the advances intended to be made or liability intended to be created by the agreement and covered by the mortgage, and that the mortgage is entered into in good faith and for the express purpose of securing the mortgagee repayment of his advances or against the liability intended to be created, as the case may be, and not for the purpose of securing the goods and chattels mentioned therein against the

creditors of the mortgagor nor to prevent such creditors from recovering any claims that they may have against the mortgagor. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 5.

- **6.** If for any reason it is shown to be necessary or expedient, when the county judge may permit a copy verified by affidavit copy may be to be registered in lieu of the original mortgage. R.S.O. 1950, registered c. 36, s. 6.
- 7. If the mortgage and affidavits are not registered as by Effect this Act provided, the mortgage is absolutely null and void of non-as against creditors of the mortgagor and as against subsequent purchasers or mortgagees in good faith for valuable consideration. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 7.
- 8. Every sale of goods and chattels, not accompanied by Requirements of an immediate delivery and followed by an actual and con-sale of tinued change of possession of the goods and chattels sold, attended shall be in writing, and such writing shall be a conveyance with under this Act, and such conveyance, accompanied by an affidavit of an attesting witness thereto of the due execution of the conveyance and an affidavit of the bargainee that the sale is bona fide and for good consideration, as set forth in the conveyance, and not for the purpose of holding or enabling the bargainee to hold the goods mentioned therein against the creditors of the bargainor, shall be registered as hereinafter provided; otherwise the sale is absolutely null and void as against the creditors of the bargainor and as against subsequent purchasers or mortgagees in good faith. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 8.
- 9. A mortgage or conveyance is not invalidated by reason when only of clerical errors or omissions therein or in the affidavits defects of execution and bona fides unless such errors or omissions invalidate are calculated to mislead or deceive or have the effect of misleading or deceiving. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 9.
- **10.** Where a mortgage or conveyance is not duly registered Registration within the time prescribed by this Act, the judge of the statutory county or district court may permit it to be registered at a later date upon being satisfied by affidavit, or affidavits, that the failure to register arose from misadventure, ignorance or some other cause that constitutes a reasonable excuse and that the parties have acted and are acting in good faith, but in such case the mortgage or conveyance shall, as against creditors of the mortgagor, or as against subsequent purchasers or mortgagees in good faith for valuable consideration, be deemed to have been executed and to be effective only from the date of registration. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 10.

Where Crown mortgagee

11. Where the Crown is mortgagee or bargainee, the provisions of this Act as to an affidavit of bona fides do not apply. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 11.

When mortgage to take effect

12. Every such mortgage or conveyance operates and takes effect upon, from and after the day and time of the execution thereof. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 12.

Manner of describing property in mortgages, etc.

13. Every mortgage and every conveyance or agreement required to be registered under this Act shall contain such sufficient and full description of the goods and chattels that they may be thereby readily and easily known and distinguished. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 13.

Mortgages, intended for future delivery

14. This Act extends to a mortgage or sale of goods etc., of goods not in and chattels that may not be the property of or in the posmortgagor or session, custody or control of the mortgagor or bargainor or any person on his behalf at the time of the making of the mortgage or sale, and notwithstanding that such goods or chattels may be intended to be delivered at some future time, or that they may not at the time of the making of the mortgage or sale be actually procured or provided or fit or ready for delivery, or that some act may be required for the making or completing of such goods and chattels or rendering them fit for delivery. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 14.

Who may make affidavits of bona fides and on renewal of mortgage

15.—(1) Every affidavit of bona fides required by this Act and every affidavit required upon the renewal of a chattel mortgage may be made by one of two or more bargainees or mortgagees, or by his or their agent if aware of all the circumstances and properly authorized in writing to take the conveyance or to take or renew the mortgage, or in the case provided for by section 5, to make the agreement and to take the mortgage.

In the case of a corporation

(2) If the mortgage or conveyance is made to a corporation, the affidavit may be made by the president, vice-president, manager, assistant manager, secretary, or treasurer, or by any other officer or agent thereof authorized to do so by resolution of the directors.

Affidavits made by agents or officers

(3) Where the affidavit is made by the agent of the mortgagee or bargainee, or by an officer or agent of a corporation, it shall state that the deponent is aware of all the circumstances connected with the mortgage or conveyance and has personal knowledge of the facts deposed to.

(4) If the mortgage or conveyance is made to a corpora-Branch tion having branches, agencies or offices opened pursuant to etc., may statutory authority, the affidavit may be made by the man-davit of bona ager, assistant manager or accountant of any such branch, fides or on renewal agency or office without being authorized so to do by resolution of the directors and the affidavit shall state that the deponent is aware of all the circumstances connected with the mortgage or conveyance and has personal knowledge of the facts deposed to. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 15.

- 16. The authority in writing referred to in section 15, or Agent's a copy of such authority, shall be attached to and filed with authority attached to the mortgage or conveyance. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 16. mortgage
- 17. Any affidavit by this Act required to be made by the Affidavit of mortgagee or by the bargainee may in the case of his death ministrator, be made by any of his next of kin or by his executor or ad-next of kin or by his executor or ad-or assignee ministrator or, if the mortgage has been assigned, by his assignee. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 17.
- **18.** An authority to take a conveyance or to take or renew General a mortgage may be a general one to take all or any convey-authority ances to the bargainee, or to take and renew all or any mort-renew mortgages gages to the mortgagee. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 18.
- 19. Every covenant, promise or agreement to make, exe-Effect of cute or give a mortgage of goods and chattels shall be in contract to give a chattel writing, and shall be deemed to be a mortgage within the mortgage meaning of this Act. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 19.
- 20. Every covenant, promise or agreement to make a sale Effect of of goods and chattels shall be in writing and shall be deemed contract to to be a sale of goods and chattels within the meaning of this Act. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 20.
- 21.—(1) Except in the case of the Provisional County of Where instruments Haliburton, the instruments mentioned in the preceding sec-to be registered tions shall be registered in the office of the clerk of the county or district court of the county or district in which the property mortgaged or sold is at the time of the execution thereof.
- (2) Where the property is situate in the Provisional Haliburton County of Haliburton, the instrument shall be registered in the office of the clerk of the county court of the County of Victoria.
- (3) In the case of a county the instrument shall be regis-Limitation tered within five days from the execution thereof. registration

Haliburton and districts (4) In the case of the Provisional County of Haliburton and of a district, the instrument shall be registered within ten days from the execution thereof.

Filing and endorsing

(5) The clerk shall file the instrument and endorse thereon the time of receiving it.

Certificate of registration (6) The

(6) The clerk shall give to the person registering an instrument a certificate of its registration if so requested.

Computation of time for registration

(7) Where there are more mortgagors or grantors than one, the time shall be computed from the execution of the instrument by the last mortgagor or grantor. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 21.

Procedure when mortgaged goods are removed

22. In the event of the permanent removal of the goods and chattels from the county, provisional county or district in which the goods and chattels were at the time of the execution of the mortgage to another county, provisional county or district before the payment and discharge of the mortgage, a copy of the mortgage and of the affidavits, documents, instruments and statements relating thereto, certified under the hand of the clerk in whose office it was registered, and under the seal of the court, shall be filed with the proper officer as mentioned in section 21, of the county, provisional county or district to which the goods and chattels are removed within two months from such removal, otherwise the mortgage is null and void as against creditors of the mortgagor and as against subsequent purchasers and mortgagees in good faith for valuable consideration. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 22.

Manner of registration 23. The clerk shall number every instrument or copy filed in his office, and shall enter in alphabetical order in a book to be provided by him the names of all the parties thereto, with the number endorsed thereon opposite to each name, and such entry shall be repeated alphabetically under the name of every party thereto. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 23.

Renewal of mortgages 24.—(1) Except as provided in subsection 2 and subject to section 28, every mortgage registered in pursuance of this Act ceases to be valid, as against the creditors of the person making it and as against subsequent purchasers and mortgagees in good faith for valuable consideration, after the expiration of one year from the day of the registration thereof unless, within thirty days next preceding the expiration of such term of one year, a statement (Form 1), exhibiting the interest of the mortgagee, his executors, administrators or assigns in the mortgaged property, and showing the amount still due for principal and interest thereon, is registered in

the proper office, as mentioned in section 21, of the county, provisional county or district in which the mortgage was registered, with an affidavit of the mortgagee that the statement is true and that the mortgage has not been kept on foot for any fraudulent purpose. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 24 (1); 1954. c. 5. s. 1.

- (2) Where there has been a permanent removal of the Case of goods and chattels, as mentioned in section 22, and a certified removal copy of the mortgage has been registered as required by that of goods section, the statement and affidavit shall be registered in the office in which the certified copy is registered, and the period of one year shall be reckoned from the date of the registration of the certified copy.
- (3) Where the two months mentioned in section 22 have Idem not expired when the period of one year mentioned in subsection 1 expires, and a certified copy of the mortgage has not been registered as provided by section 22, the statement and affidavit may be registered in the office in which the mortgage was registered.
- (4) If any bona fide error or mistake is made in the state-Remedying ment, either by the omission to give any credit or by any mistake miscalculation in the computation of interest or otherwise, statement the statement and the mortgage therein referred to are not invalidated if the mortgagee, his executors, administrators or assigns, within two weeks after the discovery of the error or mistake, registers an amended statement and affidavit referring to the former statement and clearly pointing out the error or mistake therein and correcting the same.
- (5) If before the registration of such amended statement Advances and affidavit any creditor or purchaser or mortgagee in good good faith faith for valuable consideration has made any bona fide protected advance of money or given any valuable consideration to the mortgagor, or has incurred any costs in proceedings taken on the faith of the amount due on the mortgage being as stated in the renewal statement and affidavit as first registered, the mortgage, as to the amount so advanced or the valuable consideration given or costs incurred by such creditor, purchaser or mortgagee, is, as against such creditor, purchaser or mortgagee, good only for the amount mentioned in the renewal statement and affidavit first registered.

(6) The statement and affidavit shall be deemed one instru-Manner of ment and shall be registered and entered as provided by registering section 23.

Annual registration of renewals

(7) Another statement in accordance with subsection 1. verified as required by that subsection, shall be registered in the proper office according to section 21 or subsection 2 of this section, as the case may be, within thirty days next preceding the expiration of one year from the day of the registration of the statement required by subsection 1, otherwise the mortgage ceases to be valid as against the creditors of the mortgagor, and as against subsequent purchasers and mortgagees in good faith for valuable consideration, and so on from year to year, that is to say, another verified statement shall be registered within thirty days next preceding the expiration of one year from the day of the registration of the former statement, otherwise the mortgage ceases to be valid as aforesaid.

By whom affidavits on renewals may be made

(8) If the affidavit is made by an assignee, or by any of his next of kin, or by his executor or administrator, the assignment or the several assignments through which he claims shall be registered with the statement and affidavit, unless they have been already registered.

Assignment for benefit of creditors excepted c. 25

(9) Subsection 8 does not apply to an assignment for the benefit of creditors under The Assignments and Preferences Act, R.S.O. 1960, or any other Act of Ontario or of Canada relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors, if the assignment is referred to in the statement and notice thereof has been given in manner required by law.

Affidavit by trustee in bankruptcy

(10) Where a mortgagee has become bankrupt, the affidavit may be made by the trustee in bankruptcy who shall report to the court upon knowledge, information and belief.

Registration of renewals after statutory period

(11) Where a statement of renewal is not duly registered within the time prescribed by this section, the judge of the county or district court may permit it to be registered at a later date upon being satisfied by affidavit, or affidavits, that the failure to register arose from misadventure, ignorance or some other cause that constitutes a reasonable excuse, and that the parties have acted and are acting in good faith, but in such case the renewal statement shall, as against creditors of the mortgagor or as against subsequent purchasers or mortgagees in good faith for valuable consideration who have purchased or have given credit after the expiry of the mortgage but before registration, be deemed to have been executed and to be effective only from the date of registration, and, for the purposes of registration of any further statement of renewal, such statement of renewal shall be deemed to have been registered upon the actual date of registration. 1950, c. 36, s. 24 (2-11).

25. Where a new county or district is formed or territory Mortgages is added to a county or district, every mortgage that under or district this Act would otherwise require to be renewed in the county boundaries or district of which the territory forming or added to the new county or district was part shall be renewed in the office of the proper officer of the county or district so formed or to which such territory is added, and upon such renewal a copy of the mortgage, certified under the hand of the officer in whose office it was registered and the seal of the court, shall be registered with the renewal statement and affidavit. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 25.

- 26. Sections 24 and 25 do not apply where the mortgage Crown not is made to the Crown. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 26.
- 27. A mortgage or sale declared by this Act to be void or When subsequent that under section 24 has ceased to be valid as against creditors possession and subsequent purchasers or mortgagees shall not by the validate subsequent taking of possession of the goods and chattels mortgage or mortgaged or sold by the mortgagee or bargainee be thereby wise void made valid as against persons who became creditors, purchasers or mortgagees before such taking of possession. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 27.
- 28.—(1) In the case of a mortgage of goods and chattels Affidavits of made by a corporation to a bondholder or to a trustee for where mort-the purpose of securing the bonds or debentures of the corpora-by corpora-tion, it is sufficient if the affidavit of bona fides is to the effect secure bonds that the mortgage was executed in good faith and for the or debentures express purpose of securing the payment of the bonds or debentures referred to therein, and not for the purpose of protecting the goods and chattels mentioned therein against the creditors of the mortgagors, or of preventing the creditors of such mortgagors from obtaining payment of any claim against them.
- (2) Where the head office of the corporation is not within Where head Ontario, the mortgage may be registered within thirty days ontario instead of five days, as provided by section 21. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 28 (1, 2).
- (3) Any such mortgage may be renewed in the manner Renewal of and with the effect provided by section 24 by the filing of a mortgages statement by the mortgagee or one of the mortgagees exhibiting the interest of the mortgagee or mortgagees in the property claimed by virtue of the mortgage, and showing the amount of the bond or debenture debt that it was made to secure, and showing the extent or amount of the liability still secured by the mortgage, together with an affidavit of the person

making such statement that the statement is true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and that the mortgage has not been kept on foot for any fraudulent purpose, and such statement shall be filed instead of the statement required by section 24. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 28 (3); 1954, c. 5, s. 2.

Renewal of mortgages given to secure debentures of corporations

(4) Where the mortgage is made as a security for bonds or debentures and the by-law authorizing the issue of the bonds or debentures as a security for which the mortgage was made, or a copy thereof certified under the hand of the president or vice-president and secretary of the corporation and verified by an affidavit thereto attached or endorsed thereon and having the corporate seal attached thereto, is registered with the mortgage, it is not necessary to renew the mortgage, but it shall in such case continue to be as valid as if it had been duly renewed as in this Act provided. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 28 (4).

Mortgage of rolling stock 29.—(1) In the case of a mortgage securing bonds made by a corporation on rolling stock owned by it, it is sufficient for the purposes of this Act if the mortgage or a copy thereof and the affidavit, referred to in subsection 1 of section 28, is filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary within the time limited by this Act for registering a mortgage to secure bonds or debentures of a corporation.

Where renewals to be filed (2) The office of the Provincial Secretary is the place for filing the renewal statements of any such mortgage of rolling stock where renewal thereof is necessary under this Act. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 29.

Mortgage to secure bonds, etc., on leased rolling stock

30.—(1) In the case of a mortgage, hypothec or other instrument made by a corporation securing bonds, debentures, notes or other securities on any rolling stock that is subject to any lease, conditional sale or bailment to a railway corporation, it or a copy thereof may be filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary within twenty-one days from the execution thereof, and if so filed is as valid as against creditors of such corporation and subsequent purchasers as if it had been registered pursuant to this Act.

Notice in Gazette

(2) Notice of the filing shall forthwith thereafter be given in *The Ontario Gazette*.

Application of ss. 28, 30 R.S.O. 1960, any instrument registered under *The Corporation Securities* Registration Act. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 30.

- **31.** A copy of any instrument or document registered Proof of under this Act and of any endorsement thereon certified under the hand of the officer with whom it is registered and under the seal of the court, or where it is filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary under the hand of the Provincial Secretary or Deputy Provincial Secretary, shall be received as evidence by all courts that the instrument or document was received and registered or filed according to the endorsement thereon. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 31.
- **32.** A mortgage registered under this Act may be dis-Discharge charged by registering in the office in which the mortgage is registered a certificate (Form 2), signed by the mortgagee, his executors, administrators or assigns. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 32.
- **33.**—(1) The officer with whom the mortgage is registered Entering upon receiving such certificate, proved by the affidavit of a of discharge subscribing witness, shall, at each place where the number of the mortgage has been entered, with the name of any of the parties thereto, in the book kept by him under section 23, or where otherwise in such book the mortgage has been entered, write the words "Discharged by Certificate No. (stating the number of the certificate)", and to such entry the officer shall subscribe his name, and he shall also endorse the fact of the discharge upon the instrument discharged, and shall subscribe his name to the endorsement.
- (2) Where a mortgage has been renewed under section 24, Entries of the endorsement or entries required by subsection 1 need only be made upon the statement and affidavit filed on the last renewal, and at the entries of the statement and affidavit in such book.
- (3) A certificate of discharge by an assignee shall not be When to be registered unless the assignment is registered.
- (4) The assignment shall, upon proof by the affidavit of Entry of assignment a subscribing witness, be registered, numbered and entered in of mortgages such book in the same manner as a mortgage. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 33.
- **34.**—(1) Every person shall, on payment of the proper Inspection fees, have access to and be entitled to inspect the books recording containing records or entries of mortgages, conveyances or instruments assignments registered.
- (2) A person desiring such access or inspection shall not Idem be required, as a condition to his right thereto, to furnish the names of the persons in respect of whom such access or inspection is sought.

Production of instruments

(3) The clerk shall, upon demand, produce for inspection any such mortgage, conveyance, assignment or copy thereof registered in his office. R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 34.

Schedule of fees

- **35.** For services under this Act the officers are entitled to the following fees:

 - 3. For a certificate of registration of an instrument..... .50

R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, s. 36; 1953, c. 8, s. 1.

FORM 1

(Section 24)

RENEWAL STATEMENT

The amount still due for principal and interest on the mortgage is \$.....

A.B. (Signature of Mortgagee or Assignee)

County (or District) of......

- 1. That the foregoing (or annexed) statement is true.
- 2. That the mortgage mentioned in the statement has not been kept on foot for any fraudulent purpose.

 A.B.

Sworn before me, etc.

R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, Form 1; 1954, c. 5, s. 3.

FORM 2

(Section 32)

DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

To the Clerk of the	
I, of do certify that has satisfied money due or to grow due on a certain mortgage made by to which mortgage bears date the date day of	ay of rtgage the d the ed, as
Witness my hand thisday of, 19	
Witness A.B.	
C.D. (Signature of Mortgagee or Assa	ignee)

R.S.O. 1950, c. 36, Form 2.

