BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCLAMATION.

No. 5, A. D. 1861.

By His Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled an Act to provide for the "Government of British Columbia," and by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, have been appointed Governor of the said Colony, to make laws, institutions and ordinances, for the peace, order and good government of the same, and

Whereas certain pieces of ground have been set apart for the use of the Roman Catholic Church in British Columbia.

And whereas it is necessary to grant the said pieces of land.

Now therefore I do hereby declare, proclaim and enact as follows:—

That all conveyances made by the Crown to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Vancouver Island, shall vest the same in the Roman Catholic Bishop of Vancouver Island for the time being and his successors in Office from time to time upon trust for the Roman Catholic Church in British Columbia.

That in the interval between the appointment of the successive Bishops, the person who shall for the time being be appointed to administer the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church in British Columbia, shall have entire control over the rents, issues, and profits of the same pieces of land until the appointment aforesaid.

This Proclamation may be cited as the "Roman Catholic Land Act, 1861."

{L. S.}

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony at Victoria, this tenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, and in the twenty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

By His Excellency's Command,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.