

certified on oath by the Superintendent General, or by the officer authorized by him to attend such council or meeting, and by some one of the chiefs or principal men present thereat and entitled to vote, before some judge of a superior, county or district court, stipendiary magistrate or justice of the peace, or, in the case of reserves in Manitoba or the North-West Territories, before the Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and in the case of reserves in British Columbia, before the visiting Indian Superintendent for British Columbia, or, in either case, before some other person or officer specially thereunto authorized by the Governor in Council; and when such assent has been so certified, as aforesaid, such release or surrender shall be submitted to the Governor in Council for acceptance or refusal.”

New section  
56.

4. Section 56 of the said Act, is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

License must  
describe land  
and kind of  
trees to be  
cut.

“56. Every license shall describe the lands upon which the trees may be cut, and the kind of trees which may be cut, and shall confer, for the time being, on the licensee the right to take and keep possession of the land so described, subject to such regulations as are made; and every license shall vest in the holder thereof all rights of property in all trees of the kind specified, cut within the limits of the license during the term thereof, whether such trees are cut by the authority of the holder of such license or by any other person, with or without his consent; and every license shall entitle the holder thereof to seize, in revendication or otherwise, such trees and the logs, timber or other product thereof, if found in the possession of any unauthorized person, and also to institute any action or suit against any wrongful possessor or trespasser, and to prosecute all trespassers and other offenders to punishment, and to recover damages, if any; and all proceedings pending at the expiration of any license may be continued to final termination, as if the license had not expired.”

Rights of  
licensees as to  
trespassers.

Continuing  
proceedings.

New section  
66.

5. Section 66 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

Sale of trees,  
etc., seized, in  
default of  
notice of  
claim.

“66. All trees, logs, timber or other product thereof seized under this Act, shall be deemed to be condemned, unless the person from whom they are seized, or the owner thereof, within one month from the day of the seizure, gives notice to the seizing officer, or nearest officer or agent of the Superintendent General, that he claims, or intends to claim them, and unless within one month from the day of giving such notice he initiates, in some court of competent jurisdiction, proceedings for the purpose of establishing his claim; and in default of such notice and initiation of proceedings, the officer or agent seizing shall report the circumstances to the Superintendent General, who may order the sale, by the said officer or agent, of such trees, logs, timber or other product thereof.”

New section  
70.

6. The section substituted for section 70 of the said Act by section 2 of chapter 35 of the statutes of 1895, is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

Investment  
and manage-  
ment of

“70. The Governor in Council may, subject to the provisions of this Act, direct how, and in what manner, and by whom, the