

Proviso : Provided always, that the Governor in Council may if he shall see fit, grant to the *Censitaires* of the Crown Seigniories the Revenues whereof belong to the Province, (including the Seigniories of the late order of Jesuits), upon commutation of their lands, equal advantages and relief as are hereby granted to the *Censitaires* of Seigniories not excepted from the operation of this Act. (*See also 18 Vict. Chap. 103, s. 8.*)

Act not to affect arrears, &c.

Seignior's rights to be determined as they stood before the passing of this Act.

XXXVI. Nothing herein contained shall affect the right to, or the recovery of, any arrears of Seigniorial dues accrued before the passing of this Act, or shall give any person whomsoever any right of action for the recovery of money or other value paid by him or his predecessors in the form of rents or other Seigniorial dues, or for the recovery of damages which he may pretend to claim for the privation of any right of which he may deem that he has been illegally deprived by his Seignior, unless he would have had such right of action if this Act had not been passed; nor shall any thing in this Act be construed to weaken or to support any claim of any Seignior or of any *Censitaires* to any right claimed by or for them respectively, at the hearing on the questions and propositions to be submitted under this Act to the Judges for their decision, but the same shall be decided by the law as it stood immediately before the passing of this Act.

Interpretation of words :

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XXXVII. The word "Seignior," wherever it occurs in this Act, shall be construed as meaning any part of a Fief, *arrière-fief* or Seignior held by a single individual, or by a Corporation, or held by several persons in common (*par indivis*) as well as the whole of a fief, *arrière-fief*, or Seignior, except in such parts of this Act in which the words "*arrière-fief*" and "*Seignior*" are made use of to distinguish the *Fief dominant* from the *fief servant*; and the word "Seignior" shall be construed as meaning any Corporation, or any sole proprietor, and all persons who are proprietors in common (*par indivis*) of any part of a Fief,