

An Act respecting the final abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to provide for the final abolition of Seigniorial rights and duties, by making provision for the abolition thereof in certain Fiefs to which the existing Seigniorial Acts do not apply : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

1. In the *Fief Bellevue*, the *Fief St. Augustin*, the *Fief St. Joseph*, the *Fief Nazareth*, the *Fief de l'Hôtel-Dieu*, the *Fief Lagachetière* and the *Fief Closse*, situate in the District of Montreal, *lods et ventes* and other casual dues, including *droit de banalité*, and all Seigniorial dues whatever, are hereby abolished ; and instead thereof the *cens et rentes* shall be represented by a *rente constituée* of the same amount (in money or kind as the case may be), secured by the same privileges and payable at the same periods, until the capital thereof becomes payable as hereinafter provided,—and a commutation fine equal to that to which the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Montreal, is entitled in the City and Parish of Montreal, and to be calculated and ascertained in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance (3 and 4 Vict. cap. 30,) relating to the said Seminary, and by the fourteenth section of *The Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1859*, subject to the provisions hereinafter made, shall be payable to the respective Seigniors of the said *Fiefs*, or any portion of them, as follows :—on the first mutation which would have created *lods et ventes*, of the ownership of any property, which shall happen in the *Fief Bellevue*, the *Fief Lagachetière* or the *Fief Closse*, or in any portion of them, during the ten years next after the passing of this Act,—and on the first mutation which would have created *lods et ventes*, of the ownership of any property, which shall happen in the *Fief St. Augustin*, the *Fief St. Joseph*, the *Fief Nazareth* or the *Fief de l'Hôtel-Dieu*, or in any portion of them, during the twenty years next after the passing of this Act.

Seigniorial rights abolished in certain Fiefs and commutation fine substituted.

When such commutation shall be payable.

2. On the expiration of the above periods or delays, the commutation fine calculated and ascertained in the manner hereinabove provided, shall become payable to the Seigniors of the said *Fiefs*, respectively, or of any portion of them, on all property therein not then commuted.

To be payable on all property not then commuted.

3. The said commutation fine shall be secured by the same privileges and recoverable in the same manner as *Lods et Ventes* and other rights for which it is substituted now are, and the provisions of the Ordinance relating to the commutation of

How secured.