## Seigniorial Act of 1854.

or charges be payable in grain, fowls or other provisions or fruits of the earth, their average value shall be computed according to the average price of articles of the same kind, taken from the books of the merchants nearest to the place, or ascertained in any other manner the Commissioner shall think most equitable ; to establish such average year, the fourteen Average year. years immediately preceding the period at which the valuation is made, shall be taken, the two highest and the two lowest shall be struck out, and the average year shall be established on the ten remaining years; the value of personal labour (corvées) shall be estimated in the same manner;

2. In order to establish the yearly value of the casual Casual rights. rights, an average year of their value shall be computed for each of the two classes of lands hereinafter mentioned, upon the ten years immediately preceding the passing of this Act, and the amount of the valuation of the said average year shall be the yearly value of the said casual rights for all the lands in the Seigniory of the same class ; and the Commis- Value of lods sioners in estimating the yearly value of the lods et ventes in et ventes on any Seigniory, shall distinguish those accruing on lands held agricultural lands and on as emplacements or building lots or for other than agricultural emplacements purposes, which shall form one class, from those on lands held to be distinfor agricultural purposes, which shall form another class; and guished the Commissioner shall apportion the yearly value of the lods et How apporventes on each class, upon the lands belonging to that class, tioned. charging each land with a portion thereof proportionate to its value with regard to lands held as emplacements or building lots, or for other than agricultural purposes, and proportionate to its extent with regard to lands held for agricultural purposes : and any rente expressly charged in any Deed of partial As to rente commutation under the Acts hereby repealed, as an indemnity representing to be paid by the Censitaire instead of lods et ventes, shall be under deed of held to represent the value of the right to lods et ventes on the commutation. land referred to, and shall be entered and dealt with in all respects accordingly;

3. In order to establish the yearly value of the droit de gniory, (independently of the right to the water power,) if any such rights be recognized by the said Judges as aforesaid, the Commissioner shall estimate the probable decrease (if any) in the nett yearly income of the Seignior from his mills, to arise from the loss of such right, and the said sum shall be deemed the yearly value of such right, and shall be apportioned upon the lands subject to the said right in proportion to their extent;

4. Any other rights shall be valued according to the revenue Other rights. or profits which may have accrued therefrom to be ascertained by the Commissioner in such manner as he shall deem most equitable, and shall be charged upon the lands subject thereto respectively;

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