

and cultivating within the time limited in the Deed of Concession of your Land, the Wild Land, (*Terres en Bois debout*), so conceded to you or to your *auteurs* and predecessors? If yea, will you please state the names of the parties, when the action was brought, the nature of such action, whether *en réunion au Domaine*, or otherwise, and the Judgment rendered, if any, in whose favor, when, and by what Court and in what District?

*Thirty-fifth*—Have you, or have your *auteurs* or predecessors, or any other inhabitant, to your knowledge, ever instituted any action or actions against any Seigneur, on refusal by such Seigneur to grant or concede them, *en Roture*, Wild Lands (*Terres en Bois debout*), to compel such Seigneur to make such grant, and to execute the usual and ordinary Deed or Title? If yea, be pleased to state the names of the parties, the nature of the actions, when and where instituted, the Judgment rendered, and in whose favour.

*Thirty-sixth*—Do you know of any action having been instituted by any inhabitant against a Seigneur, to compel such Seigneur to concede any Wild Lands (*Terres en Bois debout*), upon the same terms and conditions as those imposed on the Wild Lands (*Terres en Bois de bout*), already conceded in his Seigniorie (*aux mêmes droits imposés sur les autres Terres concédées dans la dite Seigneurie*)? If yea, state the names of the parties, the nature of the actions, when instituted, in what Court, the date and nature of the Judgment, and in whose favour.

*Thirty-seventh*—If you know not of any such actions, do you know any Seigneur who has refused, on application made to him, to concede Wild Lands (*Terres en Bois debout*), in his Fief or Seigniorie, on the terms and conditions stated in the preceding question? If yea, state the names of the applicants, and the names of the Seigneur who so refused, and when such refusal occurred.

*Thirty-eighth*—Have the *Censitaires* of any Fief or Seigniorie in the Province, to your knowledge, ever complained to the constituted Authorities in the Country of the Seigniorial Tenure generally, or of any of its burthens in particular, and of which? If yea, will you state what was the nature of such complaints, whether they were made at different periods, and generally throughout the Province, or only in certain sections, and if so, state in what sections?

*Thirty-ninth*—Would a change of Tenure, in your opinion, improve the condition, and promote the welfare of the people? If yea, what other Tenure would you recommend?

*Fortieth*—Have you ever maturely considered the subject? If yea, will you point out a scheme or plan, whereby the difficulties and inconveniences which have resulted, and may hereafter result from the Seigniorial Tenure may be removed, in a manner consistent with justice to all parties concerned?

*Forty-first*—Can you point out to this Board a plan whereby a general and uniform system of Commutation, on a fair and equitable basis, might be established? If yea, will you please state so, fully, in answer to this question.

*Forty-second*—Do you think it at all practicable to modify the Seigniorial Tenure, as at present existing, so as to relieve the *Censitaires* of the many heavy burthens whereof they complain, without abolishing it altogether, and without injustice to the Seigneur? If yea, please state, fully and at large, for the information of this Board, what means, in your opinion, ought to be employed to effect so desirable an object?

*Forty-third*—Admitting that you should be of opinion that a Commutation of Tenure has become necessary, that it is the wish of the *Censitaires* generally, and that the Seigniors, or the major part of them, are ready and willing to Commute, would you consider the appointment of Arbitrators, indifferently chosen by the Seigneur and *Censitaire*, with power to the said Arbitrators, to name an Umpire (*Tiers arbitre*) in case of a difference of opinion, a fit and proper mode of establishing the rights and interests of the respective parties? If nay, what other course would you suggest?

*Forty-fourth*—Have you ever seen the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the voluntary commutation of the Seigniorial Tenure in the Seigniories of Lower Canada?" If yea, would that