

Prescription of  
Seigniorial  
arrears.

XVII. The privileges and preferences granted by law to Seigniors, or stipulated in any Deed of Concession, to secure to them the payment of the Seigniorial rights which shall hereafter become due, shall only be exercised for arrears which shall have fallen due during the five years next preceeding the 5 exercise of such privileges and preferences.

Certain sti-  
pulations only  
in Deeds of  
Concession to  
be valid.

XVIII. All stipulations in any Deed of Concession, new title Deed or Recognizance (*titre-nouvel ou reconnaissant*) made before the passing of this Act, in so far as such stipulations tend to establish in favor of the Seignior upon any land conceded *à titre* 10  
*de cens*, with the exception of land conceded as a city, town or village lot, or situate in the *banlieue* of any town or city, any rights, charges, conditions or reservations other than or exceeding the following, are, with respect to such excess or difference, hereby declared null and void, namely: 15

Settlement.

1st. The obligation to keep hearth and home *feu et lieu* on the land conceded.

Survey.

2ndly. That of surveying and bounding the land conceded, at the expense of the *cessionnaire*.

Paying rent.

3rdly. That of paying the rent and *cens* stipulated in the 20  
Deed of Concession, provided they do not exceed the sum of one penny currency for each arpent in superficies of the land conceded, and in the event of their exceeding that rate, the stipulation shall be reduced to the said sum of one penny, in respect of any rent hereafter to fall due. 25

Banalilty.

4thly. That of grinding at the Banal Mill the grain grown on the conceded land, and intended for the use of the family or families occupying the same.

Taking land  
for Mill sites.

5thly. The right of the Seignior to take in any part of his *censive* whereof the tenure shall not have been previously com- 30  
muted, and as often as the case may happen, a parcel of land for the construction of a Banal Mill and its dependencies, not exceeding six superficial arpents, on payment by him to the proprietor of the value of the land and improvements made thereon. 35

Saving clause.

6thly. But nothing herein contained shall be construed to subject any land to any of the said charges, if it be not subject thereto before the passing of this Act.

## COMMUTATION.

### WHAT RIGHTS SHALL BE REDEEMABLE.

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Commutation  
optional to  
censitaires.

XIX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the owner of any land held *en roture* in Lower Canada, to free the