

demand it in certain cases.

to use such water power from the Seignior on paying him the full value of such right, which value, if not agreed upon, shall be fixed by Arbitrators, one to be named by the owner of such land, another by the Seignior, and the third by the other two, or if they disagree, then by a Judge of the Superior Court or of the Circuit Court, and the award of any two of them shall be conclusive; and upon payment or tender to the Seignior of the value awarded, the owner of such land shall have the right to use such water power in the manner mentioned in the demand thereof and in the said award.

#### DETERMINATION OF THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE SEIGNIOR AND CENSITAIRE.

Questions to be submitted by the Attorney General to all the Judges for determining Seignior's rights.

XVI. And in order to avoid as far as may be possible, unnecessary expense, uncertainty and delay in the valuation of the several rights aforesaid, and in the completion of the Schedules of the Seigniories respectively, and all errors as to matters of law on the part of the Commissioners under this Act, Her Majesty's Attorney General for Lower Canada, shall, as soon as may be practicable after the passing of this Act, frame such Questions to be submitted for the decision of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench and of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, as he shall deem best calculated to decide the points of law, which will, in his opinion, come under the consideration of the said Commissioners, in determining the value of the rights of the Crown, of the Seignior, and of the *Censitaires*, and he shall file a copy of such Questions in the Office of the said Court of Queen's Bench, and cause a copy thereof to be transmitted by Post to each of the Judges of the said Courts;

To be filed.

They shall be published.

2. The said Questions shall then be published at least once a week, during six consecutive weeks, in the *Canada Gazette*, with a notice to all concerned that they have been filed as aforesaid, and are submitted for the decision of the said Judges;

They shall be taken into consideration, and decided as soon as possible.

3. The said Judges shall take the said Questions into consideration, and shall hear the Attorney General, or Solicitor General, and such Counsel as such Attorney General or Solicitor General may deem it advisable to associate with them, at as early a time as may be practicable after the expiration of thirty days from the last publication of the said Questions in the *Canada Gazette*; and it shall be the duty of the said Judges to give the consideration of the said Questions and the hearing thereof such precedence over other matters before them, and to adopt such other measures with regard to them, as will ensure a decision thereon at as early a period as may be conveniently practicable;

Seigniors may file counter-questions and propositions.

4. Any Seignior may, at any time before the end of the said period of thirty days after the last publication of the said Questions, or with leave of the said Judges at any time before the hearing