provements in lots of land, the value of the improvements shall be ascertained by arbitration in due course of law, and it shall not be lawful for the proprietor to eject the settler until he shall have paid him the value so determined of all his improvements.

This Not may be pleaded in suits now pending.

IV. In all suits pending before the Courts for the ejectment of settlers, it shall be lawful for the latter to plead and avail himself of the whole or any part of the provisions of this Act, and the Judges before whom such causes shall be pleaded shall be bound to give judgment in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Possession by V. This Act shall not affect the possession of property by virtue of 10 prescription not affected.

Public Act and extent of application. VI. This Act shall be a public Act and shall apply to Lower Canada only.