



ANNO DECIMO-OCTAVO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. III.

An Act for the abolition of feudal rights and duties in  
Lower Canada.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to abolish all feudal rights Preamble.  
and duties in Lower Canada, whether bearing upon  
the *Censitaire* or upon the Seignior, and to secure fair com-  
pensation to the latter for every lucrative right which is now  
legally his, and which he will lose by such abolition; And  
whereas in consideration of the great advantages which must  
result to the Province from the abolition of the said feudal  
rights and duties and the substitution of a free tenure for  
that under which the property subject thereto hath heretofore  
been held, it is expedient to aid the *Censitaire* in the re-  
demption of the said charges, more especially as regards  
those which while they press most heavily on industry and  
enterprise, cannot, from their very nature, be otherwise made  
immediately redeemable without grievous hardship and in-  
justice in many cases: Be it therefore enacted by the  
Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice  
and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative  
Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and as-  
sembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act  
passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the  
Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Govern-  
ment of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority  
of the same, as follows: