

“fears it is proposed to make a further slight alteration which will entirely remove any such danger. This alteration is noted in the 3rd clause, and provides that only where no exclusive rights of fishing exist by law in favor of private persons, shall the Commissioner of Crown Lands issue leases.

“Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST.—This does not now appear in the bill.

“Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—No, I have just said that I propose making the alteration in Committee as already noted in the bill. I believe that there is some misapprehension abroad as to the position of the Seigniors in regard of fishing rights, which it would be well to dissipate. Upon referring to the patents or grants issued to the Seigniors, or to the parties from whom the Seignoiries have been purchased, it is found that there has been a conveyance of fishing rights which ought not to be disregarded; and to enable the House to judge of the unquestionable character of these rights, I will quote from a few of the patents or grants. Among numerous other deeds, more or less similar, may be instanced those of the seigniories of Islet du Portage, Verbois, River du Loup, Isle Verte, Grand Pabos, Soulange, St. Sulpice, Boucherville, Isles Bouchard, Kamouraska, Sillery, Gaudarville, &c., &c. In some of these grants there is conveyed, besides the express and exclusive right of fishing, the liberty to fish with all sorts of tackle on the beach as far as low water mark, or in any manner the grantee may deem convenient, or as he may think fit. Others grant a sedentary (or fixed) fishery. Many convey the right of soil in beaches, islands, battures, and