

Company, be converted into a claim to the said compensation, or to a like proportion thereof, and they shall be responsible accordingly whenever they shall have paid such compensation, or any part thereof, to a party not
 5 entitled to receive the same, saving always their recourse against such party: Provided always, that if the lands so Proviso. taken be situate in Lower Canada, and if the said Company shall have reason to fear any such claims, mortgages, hypothecs or incumbrances, or if any party to whom the
 10 compensation or annual rent or any part thereof shall be payable, shall refuse to execute the proper conveyance and guarantee, or if the party entitled to claim the same cannot be found, or be unknown to the Company, or if for any other reason the Company shall deem it advisable, it shall be law-
 15 ful for them to pay such compensation into the hands of the Prothonotary of the Superior Court for the District in which such land is situate, with the interest thereon for six months, and to deliver to the said Prothonotary an authentic copy of the conveyance, or of the award if
 20 there be no conveyance; and such award shall thereafter be deemed to be the title of the said Company to the land therein mentioned, and proceedings shall thereupon be had for the confirmation of the title of the said Company, in like manner as in other cases of confirmation of
 25 title, except that, in addition to the usual contents of the notice, the Prothonotary shall state that the title of the Company, (that is the conveyance or award,) is under this Act, and shall call upon all persons entitled to, or to any part of the lands, or representing, or being the husbands
 30 of any parties so entitled, to file their oppositions for their claims to the compensation, or any part thereof, and all such oppositions shall be received and adjudged upon by the Court, and the judgment of confirmation shall for ever bar all claims to the lands or any part thereof, (in-
 35 cluding dower not yet open,) as well as all mortgages, hypothecs or incumbrances upon the same; and the Court shall make such order for the distribution, payment or investment of the compensation and for the security of the rights of all parties interested, as to right
 40 and justice according to the provisions of this Act and to law, shall appertain; and the costs of the said proceedings or any part thereof, shall be paid by the said Company or by any other party, as the Court shall deem it equitable to order; and if judgment of confirmation be
 45 obtained in less than six months from the payment of the compensation to the Prothonotary, the Court shall direct a proportionate part of the interest to be returned to the Company, and if from any error, fault or neglect of the Company, it shall not be obtained until after the six months
 50 are expired, the Court shall order the Company to pay the Prothonotary the interest for such further period as may be right.