

RURAL STATUTE

OF

LOWER CANADA.

WHEREAS it is necessary to reform the several Acts relating to abuses prejudicial to agricultural; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Acts Repealed.

Article 1st. The Act of 1850, chapter 40, the Act of 1851, chapter 102, and the Act of 1853, chapter 210, are hereby repealed; but any proceeding commenced in virtue of the said Acts shall be concluded as though the said Acts remained in force. Certain Acts repealed.

All Acts and Laws suspended or repealed by the above Acts, shall nevertheless remain repealed.

Title.

Article 2nd. This Act shall be intituled the "Rural Statute for Lower Canada," and shall be in force in Lower Canada only from and after the 29th Sept., 1857.

Abbreviations and Interpretation.

Article 3rd. The term "Municipality" shall include a local Municipality. The term "Municipal Council" shall signify local Council. The title "Secretary Treasurer" shall signify the Secretary Treasurer of the local Council. The term "Inspector" shall signify Inspector of water courses, ditches and fences. Municipality.

The whole as defined in the Municipal Acts.

Article 4th. The term "proprietor" shall apply also to the possessor, occupier, master, agent, representative, and servant. Proprietor.

Article 5th. The word "water courses" shall include any stream, drain and outlet, in which one or more persons are interested, other than line ditches between neighbors. Watercourse.

Article 6th. A special notice shall be given in writing, either personally or at the domicile of the person, with a delay of at least three complete days. Special Notice

Article 7th. Public notice shall also be given in writing, read in an audible voice, and posted up at the door of the church or other place of public worship of the most numerous religious denomination in the Muni-