

Section 19. This section is a reversal of the policy laid down in Section 41 of the Dominion Lands Act in that it provides that a receipt on account does not entitle the person to whom it was issued to take, occupy, or use the land described in the receipt. Section 41 (1) presently reads:

“Rights under Agreement of Sale or under Lease.

“**41.** A receipt for a payment on account of the sale or lease of land shall, unless the sale or lease has been forfeited, revoked or cancelled, entitle the person to whom it was issued, to take, occupy and use the land described in the receipt and to hold possession thereof to the exclusion of any other person, and to bring and maintain actions for trespass committed on the said land; and the land shall not be liable to be taken in execution before the issue of letters patent therefor: Provided that occupancy, use and possession of such land shall be subject to the conditions of the sale or lease, and to the provisions of this Act or of any other Act affecting it or of any regulation made thereunder.”

Section 20. This is a revision of Section 79 and authorizes the Minister to delegate the routine signing of leases and other documents. Section 79 presently reads:

“**79.** The Minister may execute on behalf of the Crown all leases and licenses issued under the provisions of this Act.”

Section 21. This is a revision of Section 86 of the *Dominion Lands Act* reducing the rate of interest to five percent. Section 86 of the Act presently reads:

“INTEREST.

“**86.** Whenever interest is payable under or by virtue of any regulation or order made or issued by the Governor in Council or the Minister under this Act, for or on account of the purchase money or rent of any Dominion lands, school lands, or mining, grazing, or timber lands, or claims, or for or on account of the purchase money or rent of any other lands or claims to which this Act relates, or for or on account of any other claim, matter or thing arising under any provision of this Act, the rate of such interest shall be six per cent per annum, whether that interest is payable under the terms of any sealed or unsealed instrument or not, and the interest payable upon any such sum as aforesaid, when the payment of the said sum is overdue, shall be at the rate of seven per cent per annum.”