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The Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1856.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the Seigniorial Preamble. Act of 1854, and the Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1855, in order to facilitate the operation of the same: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Whenever the rule prescribed by the second sub-section of the sixth section of the Seigniorial Act of 1854, for determining the yearly value of any casual rights cannot be applied in any Seigniority, the Commissioner shall himself adopt some other equitable mode of estimating such yearly value. The ten year average rule to be dispensed with in cases to which it is not applicable.

II. The seventh sub-section of the sixth section of the said Seigniorial Act of 1854, is hereby repealed. Sub-section 7 of section 6, repealed.

III. In estimating the casual rights of the Crown in the several Seigniories in Lower Canada, the Commissioners shall establish the average yearly revenue of the Crown arising from these rights throughout Lower Canada, and such average yearly revenue shall be taken as representing the interest at six per cent. of a capital sum to be apportioned among all the Seigniories liable to the payment of *Quint*, in proportion to their value; the amount apportioned to each Seigniority shall represent the rights of the Crown therein, and shall be deducted from the amount to be paid by the *Censitaires* for the redemption of the casual rights of the Seignior. Casual rights of the Crown, how to be estimated.