

manufacturing establishment (*autre usine*) or any water power, possessed, worked or improved by any Seigneur at or before the time of the passing of this Act, nor any land conceded by any Seigneur after having been cultivated or otherwise improved by him, acquired or dismembered from the domain reserved and set apart for his private use, except that the Seigniorial rights on such land as stipulated in any written agreement with the Seigneur, may be valued and redeemed in like manner as those on other lands. 5

Interpretation Clause. LXX. The word "Seignior" wherever it occurs in this Act, shall be construed as meaning any part of a Fief, *arrière-fief* or Seignior held by a single individual, or by a Corporation, or held by several persons in common (*par indivis*) as well as the whole of a *fief*, *arrière-fief*, or Seignior, except in such parts of this Act, in which the words "*arrière-fief*" and "*Seignior*" are made use of to distinguish the *Fief dominant* from the *fief servant*; and the word "Seignior" shall be construed as meaning any Corporation, or any sole proprietor, and all persons who are proprietors in common (*par indivis*) or any part of a *Fief*, *arrière-fief* or Seignior, as well as any person or Corporation, being sole proprietor, and all persons, proprietors jointly and *par indivis* of the whole of any such *Fief*, *arrière-fief*, or Seignior; and the words "Seigniorial Rights," whenever they occur in this Act, shall include and be construed as including all rights, duties, charges, obligations and Seigniorial or feudal dues whatsoever; and the word "hereafter" shall mean "after the passing of this Act." 10 15 20 25

Wild land what shall be. LXXI. The words "will lands" or "wild land" wherever they occur in this Act, shall be construed to apply not only to all wood land or lands otherwise in their natural state, but also to all land in part settled or cleared, or otherwise improved by any other person than the Seigneur of the *censive* within which such land shall lie, if such land so settled, or in part cleared or improved, be not yet conceded. 30

Interpretation. LXXII. The "Interpretation Act" shall apply to this Act. 35

Short Title. LXXIII. This Act shall be known, cited and referred to as "The Seigniorial Act of 1854."

Extent of Act. LXXIV. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.

FORM A.

Public notice is hereby given that the Schedule (*of the fief arrière-fief, or of the Seignior*) of (*name of fief or Seignior*) shewing the prices at which the various feudal and Seigniorial rights, dues, charges, obligations and rents due and payable upon each land in such (*fief, arrière-fief or Seignior*) are redeemable, is completed, and that a triplicate thereof has been 40 45