



ANNO DECIMO-OCTAVO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. III.

An Act for the abolition of feudal rights and duties in Lower Canada.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish all feudal rights and duties in Lower Canada, whether bearing upon the *Censitaire* or upon the Seignior, and to secure fair compensation to the latter for every lucrative right which is now legally his, and which he will lose by such abolition; And whereas in consideration of the great advantages which must result to the Province from the abolition of the said Feudal Rights and duties and the substitution of a free tenure for that under which the property subject thereto hath heretofore been held, it is expedient to aid the *Censitaire* in the redemption of the said charges, more especially as regards those which while they press most heavily on industry and enterprize, cannot from their very nature be otherwise made immediately redeemable without grievous hardship and injustice in many cases: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

Acts 8 V.  
c. 42,

And 12 V.  
c. 49,

Repealed as regards Seignories to which this Act extends.

I. The Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the tenure of lands en roture in the Seignories and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of franc-aleu roturier*, and the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the tenure of lands en roture in the Seignories and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of franc-aleu roturier,'* shall be and they are hereby repealed in so far as regards the Seignories to which this Act applies: but deeds of commutation granted or other things done under them shall remain in full force and have the same effect as if the said Acts had not been repealed.

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