

An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854, and the Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1855.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854 and the Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1855, in order to facilitate the operation of the same, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

5 I. Whenever any Commissioner is of opinion that 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 fairly applied in any Seigniority, or whenever the Seignior or the *Censitaires* shall object to the said  
10 rule as unfair, the Commissioner shall himself adopt some other equitable mode of estimating such yearly value, or may, in his discretion, refer the determination of such yearly value to *Experts* to be appointed in the manner prescribed by the said Seigniorial Act of 1854 as amended by this Act.

The ten year average rule may be dispensed with in certain cases.

15 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 The seventh sub-section of the sixth section of the said Seigniorial Act of 1854, is hereby repealed.

Sub-section 7 of section 6, repealed.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  
20 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 in proportion to their value; the amount apportioned to each Seigniority shall represent the rights of the Crown  
25 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.

IV. Notwithstanding any thing in the tenth section of the said Seigniorial Act of 1854 contained, whenever *Experts*  
30 shall be appointed under the provisions of the said last mentioned section, the public notice therein mentioned shall be given in the manner prescribed by the seventh section of the said Seigniorial Act of 1854, but on one Sunday only, and the day to be fixed in every such notice for the meeting to appoint *Experts*, shall be one of the six days immediately following the  
35 Sunday next after that upon which such notice shall have been given.

Notice in case of appointment of experts.

V. Whenever a Commissioner shall deem the appointment of *Experts* necessary as provided for by the tenth section of the

*Experts* required by a Com-