

An Act to make better provisions for the Management of the public Timber, and for the collection of the dues thereon.

- W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the law to protect the Timber growing upon the Public Lands of the Province, and to regulate the granting of Licenses to cut such Timber, as well as to provide a more secure and less expensive mode of collecting the Crown dues thereon : 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, That an Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act for the Sale and better Management of Timber upon the Public Lands*, shall be and the same is hereby repealed : Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall invalidate any License already granted, or any obligation contracted for payment of dues under any such License, or invalidate the lien of the Crown on any Timber cut upon Public Lands, now within the limits of the Province, and upon which the dues heretofore payable have not been paid.
- II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to grant Licenses not exceeding fifteen months in their duration, to cut Timber on the Public Lands of the Province, subject to such conditions, regulations and restrictions as may from time to time be established by the Governor in Council, and of which due notice shall be given in the *Canada Gazette*.
- III. And be it enacted, That every License so granted shall have the effect of giving to the grantee, the right of ownership, in respect of all Timber cut during the period of his license, and if through any error, the limits described in any such license, be found to cover ground previously granted by any other unexpired license, every license so erroneously granted shall be void, except in so far only as it does not interfere with any license previously granted, and the right of occupying the land described in any such license by the grantee, shall extend only to such occupation as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the grantee to cut Timber thereon, and shall not be so construed as to prevent the Crown from disposing of any portion of such land for the purpose of settlement,

Preamble.

Act 12 V. c. 30, repealed.

Proviso : Licenses dues, &c., under it to remain in force.

Commissioner of Crown Lands to grant Licenses to cut Timber on Public Lands.

Legal effect of such License, as to rights of ownership.