

An Act to change the tenure of the Indian Lands  
in the Township of Dundee, in the County of  
Huntingdon.

- W**HEREAS the Township of Dundee in Lower Canada, containing Preamble.  
an area of eleven thousand one hundred and eighty-one acres of  
land, was set apart for the use and benefit of the Indians of the Tribe  
Iroquois of St. Regis, at an early period of the Government of Canada, as  
5 an Indian Reservation; And whereas the said Indians have, through  
their representatives appointed by Her Majesty's Government, leased all  
their rights to such lands for fixed ground rents, and have given up pos-  
session of the same, after having so leased and conveyed them, and the  
parties to whom such lands were so conveyed have at great expense  
10 cleared the same, erected buildings thereon, and otherwise improved  
them, thereby greatly enhancing their value; And whereas doubts have  
arisen respecting the legality of the said leases or conveyances, and such  
doubts tend to obstruct the further improvement of such lands, and it is  
desirable, and for the interest of the said Indians, as well as of the indi-  
15 viduals holding such lands, and of the community generally, that all such  
doubts be removed, and the said Indians duly compensated, and that the  
purchasers and lessees shall have the right of redemption of such lands;  
Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:
- I. All leases, *baux emphytéotiques* or *baux à longues années* granted Certain leases,  
&c., confirmed.  
20 by the St. Regis Indians or their representatives, of the said lands of the  
Township of Dundee, passed before the first day of April, one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty-eight, and which at the time the same were  
executed, or prior to the date above mentioned, were approved by  
a recognised Agent of the Indian Department, shall be considered to  
25 have been legally made; Proviso. Provided always, that an annual ground rent of  
not less than five dollars for each lot of one hundred acres French meas-  
ure, shall have been stipulated in favor of the said Indians.
- II. All persons who are now in possession of any of the Indian lands Persons hold-  
ing under  
annual rents  
may redeem  
them.  
30 in the said Township, and who by themselves or their *auteurs*, have paid  
to the Indians or the Indian Department an annual rent of at least five  
dollars for every hundred acres, French measure, for a period of at least  
five years, shall have the right to redeem such rents in the same manner  
as those holding leases are permitted to do under this Act.
- III. Any purchaser or lessee, or the heirs, representatives, assignee or Mode of  
redeeming  
annual rents.  
35 assignees of any purchaser or lessee of any lot or part of a lot of the  
Indian lands in the Township of Dundee, now in the possession of the  
same, may redeem the rent annually accruing upon such land or lot or