

may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract, compound, compromise and agree with the owners and occupiers of the said dwelling houses, land and premises, pieces and parcels of land, or any part of them, for the purchase thereof; and it shall and may be lawful for all persons whomsoever, bodies politic and corporate, guardians, curators, fiduciary legatees and trustees whatsoever, for themselves, their heirs and successors, and for and on behalf of those whom they represent or for whom they act, whether infants, lunatics, idiots, *femmes couvertes*, or other person or persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seized of, or possessed of, or entitled to such dwelling houses, land and premises, pieces and parcels of land as aforesaid, to contract for, sell, and convey the same to the said Commissioners and their successors, for such price and prices or consideration, as may be agreed upon between them the said parties respectively.

In case the parties should not agree, value to be settled by arbitration.

VI. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all cases where the said Commissioners or their successors, and the said owners and occupiers of the premises aforesaid, or of any part thereof, shall not by voluntary agreement, settle and determine the price and prices, compensation and compensations to be paid for the said premises or any part thereof, such price and prices, compensation and compensations, shall be ascertained, fixed and determined, by the award of Arbitrators in manner following, that is to say:—The said Commissioners or their successors shall and may nominate and appoint one Arbitrator, being an indifferent and disinterested person, and the said owners or occupiers respectively shall and may nominate and appoint one or other Arbitrator, being also an indifferent and disinterested person, and the said two Arbitrators, before proceeding to act as such Arbitrators, shall and may appoint a third Arbitrator, being likewise an indifferent and disinterested person, which said three Arbitrators, after having been previously sworn before one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench, for the District of Montreal, well, truly and honestly to execute the trust and duty of Arbitrators, as aforesaid, and after notices to the parties respectively, of the time and place of their meeting, shall proceed to ascertain, fix and determine the price or prices, compensation or compensations, to be paid by the said Commissioners or their successors, for such dwelling houses, land and premises, pieces and parcels of land aforesaid; and the award of any two of the said Arbitrators, to be named and appointed as aforesaid, in and respecting the premises aforesaid, shall be final.

Mode of proceeding when owners of said dwellings refuse or neglect

VII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case the said owners or occupiers of the said dwelling houses, lands, premises, pieces and parcels of land, or any of them, after due notice in this behalf from the said Commissioners or their successors, shall refuse or neglect to name and appoint an Arbitrator