

Corporations
may redeem
under this
Act.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That those who hold in mortmain, and persons holding entailed lands, and Corporations, tutors, curators, and administrators possessing lands, held *en roture*, the tenure whereof may be commuted with advantage to those whom they represent, may 5 effect such commutation by paying the entire price of the redemption of the Seigniorial Rights with which such lands are charged, out of the moneys of those whom they represent, or by paying part of such price as hereinabove provided, and validly binding those whom they represent 10 to the payment of the constituted rent (*rente constituée*) into which the balance shall be converted; provided the tutors, curators and administrators and holders of entailed lands, observe the formalities required by law in the alienation of the property of such persons, holding in 15 mortmain or corporations, or of those whose rights shall be represented by such tutors, curators, administrators or holders of entailed lands; but persons holding in mortmain, and Corporations shall not be required to observe any other formality in or before the redemption of the 20 said rights than those prescribed by this Act.

Communities,
&c. may invest
moneys arising
from commu-
tation.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several religious or ecclesiastical communities in Lower Canada, holding in mortmain fief: or seigniories therein, to invest from time to time, as they shall see fit, 25 in any lands or tenements in this Province, or in any public or private securities in the United Kingdom, or in this Province, which they shall deem the most advisable, or advantageous to their respective communities or corporations, any sums of money that may accrue to 30 them from any commutation made under this Act.

Arrears.

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the owner of any land held *en roture* to effect the redemption of the Seigniorial rights due thereupon until he shall have paid to the Seignior of the Seigniority in which 35 such land is situate, all arrears of Seigniorial rights due for and in respect of such land.

Indemnity to
Seigniors.

XXVI. And whereas the period of time which has elapsed since the Courts of Justice in Lower Canada have ceased to exercise the powers formerly vested in the 40 Governor and *Intendant* of New France, by the ancient laws of the country, for the purpose of preventing the proprietors of Seigniories from extending their pretensions beyond the bounds assigned by law; and whereas some of the said proprietors of Seigniories who have exercised lu- 45 crative privileges and exacted rents which the ancient laws of the country did not authorize, may have done so in good faith, and may have been led into error by long custom and by the tacit if not by any formal sanction of the Government and of the tribunals of the country; and where- 50 as it is right to provide means for indemnifying such of the said Seigniors as may establish a just claim to in-