

An Act to amend the Act respecting abuses prejudicial to Agriculture, chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make provision for the protection and preservation of standing timber and of the forest, in Lower Canada; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. Sub-section two of section seventeen of chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

Sub-section 2. of sec. 17 of cap. 26 Con. Stat. L. C. repealed.

“Such *découvert* shall never exceed one-fifteenth of the breadth of the land on which such *découvert* is demanded, and such *découvert* shall in no case exceed forty-five feet in breadth adjacent to the line of separation;

New sub-section.

“Provided always, that any owner or occupant shall have the right to reserve any portion of his land as wood-land, and he shall be exempted from giving *découvert* thereon, for a length of ten arpents along the line of separation between such wood-land and the land of his neighbour or neighbours; Provided also, that it shall be the duty of the inspector, whenever it appears to him evident that the *découvert* demanded is not necessary, to give his decision accordingly and declare that the *découvert* demanded is not necessary, and thereupon to discharge the neighbour of the party complaining from his obligation.”

2. This Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be deemed to form part of chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada.

This Act to form part of amended Act.