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An Act for the abolition of feudal rights and duties
in Lower Canada.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish all feudal ^{Preamble}
rights and duties in Lower Canada, whether
bearing upon the *Censitaire* or upon the Seignior, and
to secure fair compensation to the latter for every
lucrative right which is now legally his, and which he
will lose by such abolition; And whereas in considera-
tion of the great advantages which must result to the
Province from the abolition of the said Feudal Rights
and duties and the substitution of a free tenure for that
under which the property subject thereto hath hereto-
fore been held, it is expedient to aid the *Censitaire* in
the redemption of the said charges, more especially as
regards those which while they press most heavily on
industry and enterprize, cannot from their very nature
be otherwise made immediately redeemable without
grievous hardship and injustice in many cases: Be it
therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Ma-
jesty, 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, as follows:

I. The Act passed in the eighth year of Her Ma- ^{Act 8 V.}
jesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act the better to facilitate* c. 42,