

can agree among themselves, and if not, by any Court having jurisdiction in matters concerning real property, or by any Judge thereof, after sufficient notice thereof shall have been given by the party requiring such appointment; the judgment of the said *experts* or a majority of them shall be final and without appeal.

Decision of *experts* final.

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Proprietor may pay value of improvements within a year, and obtain possession.

IV. Within one year after the value of the said improvements shall have been determined as hereinbefore provided, the proprietor of the premises paying the amount awarded for the same to the occupant, shall thereupon be entitled to the possession of the same; but should the proprietor decline to pay the occupant for his improvements, then he shall signify his intention of disposing of the premises to the said occupant at the valuation of the premises to be had in the manner hereinbefore provided, irrespective of the improvements thereon made, and in such case, the said occupant shall be bound to pay the amount of such valuation in five annual instalments, with interest from the date of such award by the *experts* as hereinafter mentioned, and the lot shall remain charged and hypothecated, with privilege of *bailleur de fonds* in favor of the proprietor for the said amount of principal and interest.

Or demand the value of the land, in five yearly instalments, secured by privilege.

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Squatters sued in ejectment in cases now pending, to have the benefit of this Act.

V. In all suits pending before the Courts for the ejectment of settlers, it shall be lawful for the latter to plead and avail themselves of the whole or any part of the provisions of this Act, and the Judges before whom such causes shall be pleaded shall be bound to give judgment in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and shall with respect to costs give such decision as they shall consider just and equitable.

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Act not to affect titles by prescriptions, or agreements.

VI. This Act shall not affect the rights acquired or hereafter to be acquired by virtue of prescription, nor any agreement which may have been entered into between the holder and proprietor of any such lot of land.

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Act to apply only to Lower Canada.

VII. This Act shall be a Public Act, and shall apply to Lower Canada only.