

entitle the holders or proprietors thereof to seize or cause to be seized, by way of revendication, *saisie revendication*, such trees, timber or lumber where the same shall be found in Lower Canada in the possession of any unauthorized person, and shall also be deemed sufficient authority, to institute any action or suit at law or equity against any wrongful possessor or trespassers, as well as to prosecute all trespassers and other offenders to punishment, and to sue for and recover damages if any shall have been sustained; and all proceedings pending at the expiration of any such license shall or may be continued and carried to final termination in the same manner as if the said license had not expired.

Proceedings pending when the license expires.

Return to be made by persons obtaining licenses.

To be attested on oath, &c.

Timber liable to payment of dues may be followed until they are paid.

The giving of bonds or notes, not to effect the lien on the Timber.

Sale of Timber seized for non-payment of dues.

III. And be it enacted, That all persons obtaining licenses shall, at the expiration of the said licenses, make to the officer or agent granting the same, or to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, a return of the number and kinds of trees cut, and of the quantity and description of saw logs, or of the number and description of sticks of square timber he has manufactured and carried away under such license; which statement shall be sworn to by the proprietor of the license, and by his foreman or principal man, before one of the Justices of the Peace, who are hereby authorized to administer all oaths required by this Act; and persons refusing or neglecting to furnish such statement, or evading or attempting to evade any regulation hereafter to be established by Order in Council, shall be held to have cut without authority, and the timber made shall be dealt with accordingly.

IV. And be it enacted, That all timber cut under licenses granted shall be held liable for the payment of the dues established thereon, so long as and wheresoever the said timber or any part of it may be found within the limits of the Province, whether in the original logs or manufactured into deals, boards or other stuff, and it shall be lawful for all officers or agents entrusted with the collection of such dues to follow all such timber and to seize and detain the same wherever it may be found until the dues are paid or satisfactorily secured.

V. And be it enacted, That bonds or promissory notes which may be taken for the amount of dues either before or after the cutting of the timber, as collateral security or to facilitate collection, shall not in any way affect or invalidate the lien of Crown on any part of the said timber, but the lien shall subsist in full force until the dues are actually discharged.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any timber so seized and detained for non-payment of dues shall remain more than twelve months in the custody of the agent or person appointed to guard the same without the dues and expenses