

meaning any Corporation, or any sole proprietor, and all persons who are proprietors in common (*par indivis*) of any part of a *Fief*, *arrière-fief* or Seignior, as well as any person or Corporation, being sole proprietor, and all persons, proprietors jointly and *par indivis* of the whole of any such *Fief*, *arrière-fief*, or Seignior: the words "Seignior" and "*Censitaire*" shall apply to the owner of any *rente constituée* created under this Act, and the person charged therewith, respectively, as well as to the owner of and person charged with the rights and duties represented by such *Rente*; the words "Seigniorial Rights," whenever they occur in this Act, shall include and be construed as including all rights, duties, charges, obligations, and Seigniorial or feudal dues whatsoever; the word "Land" shall mean any lot, piece or parcel of land, and shall include the buildings thereon constructed, and all its appurtenances.

Seignior and
censitaire;

Seigniorial
rights;

Land.

XXXVIII. The Legislature reserves the right of making any provision, declaratory or otherwise which may be found necessary for the purpose of fully carrying out the intent of this Act; which intent is declared to be,—to abolish as soon as practicable, all feudal or Seigniorial rights, duties and dues, substituting therefor *rentes constituées* of equal value,—to grant to the Seignior a fair indemnity, and no more, for all the lucrative rights which the law gives him, and which this Act will abolish,—to preserve the rights of third parties, unless such rights be lost by their own neglect or laches;—and to aid the *censitaire* out of the Provincial Funds in the redemption of those Seigniorial charges which interfere most injuriously with his independence, industry and enterprise; and every enactment and provision of this Act shall receive the most liberal construction possible with a view to ensure the accomplishment of the intention of the Legislature, as hereby declared.

Right to
amend this Act
in furtherance
of its intent
reserved.

Its intent
declared.

XXXIX. The "Interpretation Act" shall apply to this Act.

Interpretation
Act to apply.

XL. This Act shall be known, cited and referred to as "The Seigniorial Act of 1854."

Short title.

XLI. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.

Extent of Act.

FORM A.

Public notice is hereby given that the Schedule (*of the fief, arrière-fief or of the Seignior*) of (*name of fief, arrière-fief or Seignior*) shewing the *rentes constituées* into which the feudal and Seigniorial rights, dues, charges, obligations and rents due and payable upon each land in such (*fief, arrière-fief or Seignior*) are converted, is completed, and that a triplicate thereof has been deposited in the office of the Receiver General, and another