paid before such persons can be ejected.

Proviso: proprietor may,

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the land at a

fair price to

the occupant.

manner and during the period stated in the preceding Section of this Act, with the intention of purchasing the same as above stated, shall be disposessed thereof by the proprietor or proprietors of such land, unless and until such proprietor or proprietors shall pay or offer to pay to him a just compensation for the ameliorations made by him in 5 and upon such land, and that whenever any proprietor or proprietors shall institute any action, or proceeding, to dispossess such person, he shall in and by such action or proceeding offer and hold himself in readiness to pay to such person the just value of the ameliorations so made by him, to be determined by Experts nominated and appointed 10 in the ordinary manner according to law, over and above the rents, issues and profits of such land; and such ameliorations and rents, issues and profits shall be determined upon the principles stated in the preceding section of this Act, and until the payment by such proprietor or proprietors of such sum or sums of money as shall be esti- 15 mated by such Experts to be the value of such ameliorations over and above the rents, issues and profits to be determined as aforesaid, the person so in possession of such land shall have a lien upon the same, and be entitled to retain the possession thereof; Provided always, that if such proprietor or proprietors shall prefer, and shall in and by such action or pro-20 ing such com. ceeding instituted by him or them as aforesaid to recover the possession of such land, offer to sell and convey by a valid title the land so occupied to the person in possession thereof, for the price which such land shall be actually worth at the time of the institution of such action or proceeding, after deducting therefrom the net value of the ameliorations made ²⁵ thereon above the amount of the rents, issues and profits of such land during the time it shall have been occupied, to be determined and estimated as aforesaid, in that case unless the person so in possession shall and do within a reasonable time to be determined by the Court or Judge before whom any such action or proceeding shall be instituted, pay to 30 such proprietor or proprietors on his or their conveying such land to him by valid title, such sum or sums of money as shall be determined by evidence in such cause or proceeding, to be a just remuneration to the proprietor or proprietors for such land, he shall forfeit all right of compensation for ameliorations made upon such land, and such proprietor or \$5 proprietors shall be entitled to dispossess such person without rendering to him any remuneration whatever for the improvements which he may have made upon such land.

Court may grant time for payment of one half the parchase money.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Court or Judge empowered to hear and try the matters referred to in the preceding Sec- 40 tion of this Act, to grant to any occupier entitled to purchase, and who shall offer to purchase any land in the manner hereinabove provided, time for the payment of one half the purchase money of such land, not exceeding two years, to be secured with the interest accruing thereon, by special 45 hypothec upon such land.

In suits under 14 and 15 V. C. 92, this act may be pleaded, and the matter tried.

IV. And be it enacted, That in any suit or action instituted by any proprietor or proprietors to dispossess any person in possession of any lot, portion of a lot, or tract of land, under and by virtue of the Act passed in the Session of the Provincial Parliament held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to provide 50 " a more summary and less expensive process for proprietors of real proper-"ty in Lower Canada, to acquire the possession thereof when illegally