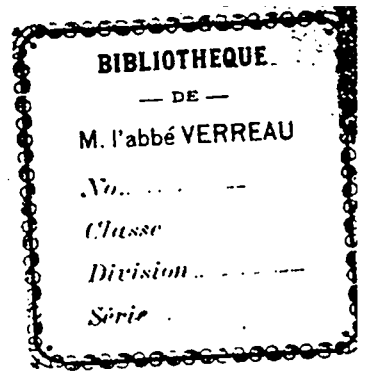


CLASS E.

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CAP. I.—OF LANDS HELD IN FREE AND COMMON SOCCAGE, THE TRANSMISSION AND CONVEYANCE THEREOF, &c.

1. The Act passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Lower Canada, in the ninth year of the Reign of King George the Fourth, and intituled: *An Act for rendering valid conveyances of lands and other immoveable property held in free and common soccage within the Province of Lower Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, and the Royal assent whereto was signified by Proclamation in the said Province on the First day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, is hereby declared to be and to have been since the passing thereof, that is to say, upon and after the day last aforesaid, in force in Lower Canada. (20. V. c. 45, s. 1.)

2. The word "Lands" in this Act shall include any immoveable property or hereditament capable of being held in free and common soccage, and any estate or interest therein; the word "Deed," shall include any instrument by which any lands can be conveyed, hypothecated or incumbered by the Laws of Lower Canada; and the word "Hypothecc" or "Charge," shall include the privilege of *baillieur de fonds* and all other privileged or hypothecary charges. (20 V. c. 45, s. 6.)

3. All grants, bargains, sales enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower, or other alienation or conveyance whatsoever, by or in virtue of which any person or persons whosoever are or shall be the proprietor or possessor of, or lay claim to be the proprietor and possessor of any lands or other immoveable property, granted in free and common soccage within Lower Canada, and which may have been made and executed prior to the First day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, for the transfer, alienation, and conveyance of any such lands or other immoveable property, though not made and executed according to the rules and restrictions established by the law of England in reference to such grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower or other conveyances, shall be and are hereby declared to be as valid in law, to all intents, as if they and each and every of them had been made and executed in conformity to such rules and restrictions as aforesaid, and that as fully as if the said rules and restrictions of the law of England had never been in force, or had not been declared to govern and affect the transfer, alienation and conveyance of lands or other immoveable property so held in free and common soccage,—provided such grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower or other conveyances, and each and every of them, respectively, were at the time of making and executing the same, sufficient to operate as such grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower or other conveyances, under any law or usage in force in Lower Canada at the time of making and executing the same. (9 G. 4, c. 77, s. 1.)

4. All grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, devises, or other conveyances of any