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An Act to amend the Acts regulating the
Common of the Seigneory of Yamaska,
and to authorize the partition of the said
Common.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

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An Act to amend the Acts regulating the Common of the Seigniorship of Yamaska, and to authorize the partition of the said Common.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the Seigniorship of Yamaska interested Preamble.
 or having rights in the Common of the said Seigniorship, have represented that it would be more advantageous to them to partition the said Common, or part thereof, into lots or shares suitable to a better
 5 system of cultivation than that which they are now obliged to adopt in common; And whereas for this purpose it is expedient to grant more ample powers to the Chairman and Trustees of the said Common appointed in virtue of the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-two, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act*
 10 *to revive the Act authorizing the inhabitants of the Seigniorship of Yamaska to regulate the Common of the said Seigniorship;*" Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. It shall be the duty of the Chairman and Trustees of the Common of the Seigniorship of Yamaska forthwith, after the passing of this Act to
 15 ascertain and determine by the Deeds of Concession or otherwise, the exact number of inhabitants who are interested, or have rights in the said Common, and to establish the real interest that each such inhabitant has therein. Number of those interested to be ascertained.

II. So soon as a meeting of the inhabitants qualified as aforesaid
 20 shall have decided to divide the said Common, or any portion thereof into parts, it shall be the duty of the Chairman and Trustees to appoint a sworn Surveyor to make (as soon as the season will allow) a plan of the land to be so partitioned, and to project thereon the division that would be best suited to the collective interest of the said inhabitants. Surveyor to be appointed.

III. So soon as the Surveyor shall have completed his plan it shall
 25 be submitted to a meeting of the inhabitants qualified as aforesaid, together with By-laws, Plan to be submitted with by-laws.

1st. To carry into effect the partition of the said Common, or part thereof, into lots or portions according to the said plan as adopted or
 30 amended by the said meeting.

2nd. To regulate the distribution of the said lots.

3rd. To arrange the conditions subject to which parties may become proprietors of the said lots.

4th. To regulate the general administration of the said Common and
 35 the revenues arising from it.

The said By-laws shall be posted up, read and published at the door of the Church of the Parish of St. Michel d'Yamaska, at the issue of Divine Service in the morning, for two Sundays immediately before the day and hour fixed for their homologation, of which public notice shall be given at the same time. 5

By-laws to be published.

IV. After the said By-laws have been approved, and if necessary amended by the Judge of the Superior Court for the District of Richelieu, they shall be again posted, read and published as aforesaid, and shall then be obligatory as regards every person concerned in the said Common. 10

Scale of votes.

V. After the passing of this Act, at any meeting of the Corporation of the said Common the votes shall be given according to the scale following, that is to say, two votes for one right in the said Common, and one vote for each fraction whatever of a right, and the said proportion shall serve as the basis of any partition which the said Chairman and Trustees shall hereafter make of the amount which each person interested in the said Common shall pay as his contribution to cover the expenses incurred in obtaining the passing of this Act, and of putting it and the By-laws made in virtue thereof into force, and for any other purpose relating to the administration of the said Common. 15 20

Seigniors protected.

VI. This Act shall not affect the rights of Seigniors.

Contrary enactments.

VII. The Acts relating to the Common of the Seigniory of Yamaska are repealed in so far only as they are repugnant to the provisions of this Act, but the fourth section of the Act passed in the third year of the reign of king George the ourth, chapter 18, is wholly repealed. 25

Public Act.

VIII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.