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An Act to authorise the Chairman and Trustees of the Common of the Seigniorie of the Baie Saint Antoine, commonly called the Baie du Febvre, to terminate certain disputes relating to the limits of the said Common, and for other purposes appertaining to the same. (9th March, 1824.)

Whereas it is necessary to extend the powers of "The Corporation of the Chairman and Trustees of the Common of the Seigniorie [Seigneurie] of La Baie Saint Antoine, commonly called La Baie du Febvre," so as to enable the said Corporation to fix the limits of the said Common, and for other purposes thereunto appertaining;—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative-Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year, of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North-America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;"—And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Chairman and Trustees of the Common of the aforesaid Seigniorie of La Baie Saint Antoine, commonly called La Baie du Febvre, heretofore by Law declared, by an Act passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Seigniorie of La Baie Saint Antoine, commonly called La Baie du Febvre, to provide for the better regulation of the Common in the said Seigniorie," to be a body politic and corporate, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, upon such terms and conditions as the parties concerned shall mutually agree upon, to transact, contract, treat and conclude with all persons, being proprietors or Seigniors [Seigneurs] of any land or lands, touching or adjacent to, or encroaching upon the said Common, for the purpose of terminating all disputes respecting their several boundaries upon the said Common, and for adjusting the limits of the said Common, and to confirm, if need be, any encroachments which heretofore may have been made, bonâ fide, upon the said Common, by any person or persons whomsoever.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Chairman and Trustees shall be, and they are hereby authorised by and with the consent of the majority of the proprietors of the said Common, to concede to such persons and on such terms, conditions and acknowledgments as they may deem expedient, in lots of not exceeding three arpens in front, by any depth that may be fixed for the purpose, a part of the said Common, not exceeding in the whole one fourth part thereof, at such ground rent, rente foncière, as may be thought reasonable, which ground rent, rente foncière, shall go into the funds of the said Corporation, and be by the said Corporation duly employed in the payment of expenses incurred or to be hereafter incurred, relating to the purposes of this Act, and to other purposes to the said Corporation appertaining, for the general interest of those concerned in the said Common, and be accounted for as by the Act in virtue of which the said Corporation is created and established, it is ordained and enacted.

- III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all deeds of concession to be hereafter executed to any person or persons taking lands on the said Common, it shall be a condition in such deed of concession, that the fences or enclosures dividing such land or lands from the said Common, shall be made, repaired and maintained by the proprietor or proprietors, occupier or occupiers of such land or lands, taken in concession upon the said Common.
- IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein contained shall affect nor be construed to affect, in any manner or way whatsoever, the rights of His Majesty, his heirs and successors, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any person or persons whomsoever, otherwise, than hereinabove particularly specified.
- V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the powers and authorities by this Act conferred, shall and may be exercised until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and no longer.
- VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be taken and deemed to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and all others whom it shall concern, without being specially pleaded.