

Exception.

last aforesaid had been mentioned in every part of the said Act instead of the period of twelve months from the passing thereof, and as if this Act had been passed before the expiration of the time to which the period last mentioned was extended and continued by the Act thirdly mentioned in the Preamble to this Act : save and except that the said Commissioners shall not after the first day of November in the present year, receive any Instrument, or any new Evidence, written or parole, as to the time when any Instrument was presented to or received by the said Edward Dowling or his deputy, or as to the fact of its having been presented to or received by either of them, but the said Commissioners shall be governed solely by such Instruments and Evidence as they shall have received and have in their possession on or before the day last above mentioned.

Interpretation.

II. And be it enacted, That the word "Instrument" in this Act shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Act first mentioned in the Preamble to this Act.

CAP. XVII.

An Act to give effect to certain proceedings under the Act intituled, *An Act to provide for the indemnification of parties in Lower Canada, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.*

[10th November, 1852.]

Preamble.

12 Vict. c. 58.

WHEREAS by the Act passed in the twelfth year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, *An Act to provide for the indemnification of parties in Lower Canada, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight*, it was among other things enacted and provided, that the Commissioners to be appointed under the said Act, should report their proceedings to the Governor of this Province on or before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and that no sitting of the said Commissioners should be held after the said first day of September in the said year ; And whereas in fact the Commissioners appointed under the said Act were compelled for the better discharge of their duties as such Commissioners, and from the number of applicants under the said Act, to hold several of their meetings after the said day, and did make their report after the said day ; And whereas it is expedient to give effect to the sittings, proceedings and report of the said Commissioners : Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority

of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all the sittings and proceedings of the said Commissioners, and the report of the said Commissioners, shall in law and to all intents and purposes be held good and valid in the same manner as if the same had been had, held, or made on or before the said first day of September, as in the said Act prescribed, notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in the said Act contained.

Proceedings
of Commis-
sioners con-
firmed.

CAP. XVIII.

An Act to provide for the better Organization of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada.

[10th November, 1852.]

WHEREAS the Acts in force for the encouragement of Agriculture in Lower Canada require amendments, and it is expedient to consolidate in one Act all the provisions relating to Agricultural Societies: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in Lower Canada by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein*,—the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture by the establishment of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada*, and the Act passed in the same year, and intituled, *An Act to allow the formation of more than one Agricultural Society in a County in Lower Canada, and for the relief of the Society for the County of Montreal*, are hereby repealed: Provided always that the County Societies formed under the above mentioned Acts shall continue to exist until the time hereinafter provided for the formation of new Societies, and that all sums due at the time of the passing of this Act to any Agricultural Society under the said Acts, or by such Society under engagements entered into by it, shall be delivered to or by such Society, as provided by the said Acts.

Preamble.

Acts.

8 v. c. 53,

9 v. c. 14,

and

9 v. c. 24,

repealed.

Proviso: ex-
isting Socie-
ties continued
for a certain
time.

II. From and after the First day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, a County Agricultural Society may be organized in each of the Counties of Lower-Canada, whenever

Society may
be formed in
each County,
and how.