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An Act to amend the Act for incorporating Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

Preamble.

14 & 15 V.
c. 86.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the second section of the Act passed in the session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act for the incorporation and better management of Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes*, so as to enable such institutions in certain towns and villages to hold property to a larger amount than the sum therein limited: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Amount of real property in towns, &c., of more than 3,000 inhabitants.

And in those having a smaller population.

I. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Library Association or Mechanics' Institute incorporated under the said Act, and situate in any village or town having three thousand inhabitants or more, to hold real property not exceeding in annual value the sum of five hundred pounds; and for any Library Association or Mechanics' Institute incorporated under the said Act, and situate in any town or city not having more than three thousand inhabitants, to hold real property not exceeding in annual value the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds; any thing in the said section to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Companies.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

Preamble.

12 V. c. 45.

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend to certain Associations and Companies hereinafter described the provisions of the Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Companies*: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Act extended to partnerships formed for certain purposes.

I. All and every the provisions of the Act referred to in the preamble of this Act, shall extend and be held and construed to extend to all persons associated in partnership for manufacturing purposes, or for mechanical purposes, or for purposes of construction of roads, dams, bridges or other buildings, or for purposes of colonization, or settlement or of land traffic.

II.

II. The word "Partnership" in the said Act, and in this Act, shall include any unincorporated Society, Company or Association for any one or more of the above purposes; and the word "action" in the said Act, shall include any proceeding at Law to which any such Partnership shall be a party.

Interpretation clause.

III. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.

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The Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1856.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854, and the Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1855, in order to facilitate the operation of the same: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. Whenever the rule prescribed by the second sub-section of the sixth section of the Seigniorial Act of 1854, for determining the yearly value of any casual rights cannot be applied in any Seignior, the Commissioner shall himself adopt some other equitable mode of estimating such yearly value.

The ten year average rule to be dispensed with in cases to which it is not applicable.

II. The seventh sub-section of the sixth section of the said Seigniorial Act of 1854, is hereby repealed.

Sub-section 7 of section 6 repealed.

III. In estimating the casual rights of the Crown in the several Seigniories in Lower Canada, the Commissioners shall establish the average yearly revenue of the Crown arising from these rights throughout Lower Canada, and such average yearly revenue shall be taken as representing the interest at six per cent. of a capital sum to be apportioned among all the Seigniories liable to the payment of *Quint*, in proportion to their value; the amount apportioned to each Seignior shall represent the rights of the Crown therein, and shall be deducted from the amount to be paid by the *Censitaires* for the redemption of the casual rights of the Seignior.

Casual rights of the Crown, how to be estimated.

IV. From and after the passing of this Act, all the provisions relative to the appointment of *Experts*, contained in the tenth Section of the Seigniorial Act of 1854, or in any other Section of the said Act, shall be repealed; and in all Seigniories in which there shall have been requisitions for or appointments of *Experts*, the Commissioners shall act in every respect as though there had been no such requisition for or appointment of *Experts*.

All provisions for the appointment of *Experts* repealed.

V. All the words after the words "following the said notice," in the first paragraph of the eleventh section of the said Seigniorial

Section 11 of Seigniorial

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