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An Act to amend the Act relating to the Commissioners' Courts for the summary trial of small causes in Lower Canada.

[Assented to 27th May, 1857.]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act relating to the Commissioners' Courts for the summary trial of small causes in Lower Canada: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Suit may be brought where debt was contracted, subject to certain conditions.
 Proviso: as to costs.

I. Whoever shall have contracted a debt in any parish or township in which a Commissioners' Court is established, may be sued in such Court and the judgment may be carried into execution, provided that the debtor do not reside in a Parish or Township being at a greater distance than five leagues from such parish or township in which the debt has been contracted, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; but the debtor so sued shall not be obliged to pay any greater amount of costs for services performed by Bailiffs or Sergeants of Militia than he would be obliged to pay if he were sued in the parish or township in which he resides, and the difference in the amount of such costs in such case shall be paid by the creditor bringing the action.

Extent of Act. II. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.

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An Act to amend the Act 16 Victoria chapter 171, in so far as it relates to the time fixed for the hunting of Muskrats.

[Assented to 27th May, 1857.]

Preamble.
 16 V. c. 171. **W**HEREAS the Act 16 Victoria chapter 171, intituled: *An Act to amend the Act prohibiting the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game within this Province at certain seasons of the year*, does not accomplish the purpose for which it was passed, in so far as concerns the period fixed for the hunting of the Muskrat: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Priod for killing Muskrats in L. C. limited.

I. The third section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and from and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, in Lower Canada, to kill, shoot, destroy,

destroy, sell, or offer for sale, purchase or receive, any Muskrat, between the tenth day of May of any year and the first day of March of the following year; and any person who shall, in Lower Canada, kill, shoot, or destroy, or sell, or offer for sale, buy or receive, any Muskrat between the tenth day of May of any year and the first day of March of the following year, shall, upon being convicted of such offence, be subject to the fines and penalties imposed by the Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Hunting and Killing of Deer and other Game within the Province at certain seasons of the year.* Penalty. 7 V. c. 12.

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An Act to amend the several Acts to remedy abuses prejudicial to Agriculture.

[Assented to 10th June, 1857.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate into one general Act, the several Acts to remedy abuses prejudicial to Agriculture: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. The following Acts are hereby repealed:

1. *An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to agriculture:* Passed in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter forty; Acts repealed, 13, 14 V. c. 40.

2. *An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, relating to agriculture in Lower Canada, in so far as the said Act concerns navigable rivers and rivulets and the banks thereof, used in the floating and conveyance of wood and timber:* Passed in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered one hundred and two; 14, 15 V. c. 102.

3. *An Act to amend the Act intituled, An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to agriculture:* Passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered two hundred and ten; 16 V. c. 210.

4. And all other laws, acts and ordinances, contrary to this Act; this Act, however, shall in no respect affect the powers and duties of the Municipal Councils, whether local or County. Other inconsistent Acts, &c.