



CHAPTER 86

An Act to provide for efficacious measures respecting the abolition of seigniorial rents

[Assented to, the 12th of April, 1938]

WHEREAS it is important to abolish within the shortest possible delay seigniorial rents in the Province;

Whereas it has been proved that, to attain such end, measures more appropriate and justifiable than those contemplated by the act 25-26 George V, chapter 82, must be taken;

Whereas it is necessary to establish in an exact and equitable manner the real value of the seigniorial rents;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized to take such measures as he may deem necessary to establish with exactitude and equity the capital required for the redemption of the constituted rents replacing seigniorial rights and to expend, for such purpose, up to an amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Establishing of capital required for redemption of constituted rents.

2. He may, for the carrying out of this act, appoint special officers, determine their functions and duties and fix their salaries.

Appointing, etc., of special officers.

3. A member of the Legislative Assembly may be appointed special officer, in virtue of section 2, and may receive a remuneration and the payment of his expenses

Member of Legislative Assembly and appointment as special officer.

incurred by reason of his services as such, without incurring ineligibility within the meaning of section 65 of the Legislature Act or of section 121 of the Quebec Election Act.

Powers of special officers.

4. In the carrying out of their duties the special officers shall have the powers conferred upon a commissioner in virtue of the Public Inquiry Commission Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 8).

Reporting, etc., as to work, etc.

5. They shall, whenever so required by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce, and within the delay fixed by him, report to him on their work and forward to him all information and documents obtained.

Expenditure.

6. The expenditure authorized by this act shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund.

Carrying out of act.

7. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce shall have charge of the carrying out of this act.

Coming into force.

8. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.