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An Act respecting the settlement on Crown lands of soldiers
returned from the front

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

WHEREAS a great number of soldiers who have served overseas in the present war have expressed a desire to settle on the land in this Province; Preamble.

Whereas the Federal act 7-8 George V, chapter 21, known as "The Soldier Settlement Act, 1917", grants certain benefits to the soldiers referred to in this act, who wish to settle on the land, by way of advances of money on loan, and a commission called "The Soldier Settlement Board" has been created by the said act for the purpose of carrying it out;

Whereas it is expedient to confer certain benefits upon soldiers who wish to settle on Crown lands in this Province;

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 may set aside the land necessary for settlement: For whom land to be set aside.

- a. by soldiers who have served in the naval or military expeditionary forces of Canada during the present war; or,
- b. by soldiers who have been engaged in active service during the present war in the naval or military forces of the United Kingdom, or of any of the self-governing British dominions or colonies; or,
- c. by soldiers who are British subjects and have been engaged in active service at one of the seats of war, in the present war, in either the naval or military forces of any of His Majesty's allies; or,
- d. by soldiers of other nationalities, who resided in Canada before the war, and were engaged in active service at one of the seats of war, in the present war, in either the naval or military forces of any of His Majesty's allies;

provided that such soldiers have left the forces with an honourable record or have been honourably discharged.

2. Such land shall be gratuitously conveyed by the Minister of Lands and Forests or his authorized agents, Gratuitous conveyance.

or shall be put at the disposal of the Federal board created under the act 7-8 George V, chapter 21, under the name of "The Soldier Settlement Board", or any other Federal board created for the same purpose, to be gratuitously conveyed to the soldiers coming within the purview of this act.

Quantity for each settler. **3.** The quantity of land which may be conveyed to each settler by the Minister or by the board, as well as the terms of the grant, shall be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Land to be unseizable. **4.** No land conveyed under this act may be seized nor sold by execution, before the letters patent, for any debt whatsoever, notwithstanding any provision contained in the Civil Code or in the Code of Civil Procedure, except:

Exceptions. *a.* for school or municipal taxes, or taxes for the construction or repair of a church, presbytery or cemetery;
 b. for the price of such land;
 c. for the repayment of a loan made to a settler by the Federal board, which shall become a first charge upon the lot.

Rights of Crown. **5.** The rights of the Crown shall not be diminished in the case of sale mentioned in the preceding section, and the new owner shall be bound to fulfil all the terms of the grant to which the original grantee was bound in order to obtain the letters patent.

Cancellation of grant. The cancellation of the grant may be made, if the occasion arises, against one who acquires under any such sale, or his assigns.

Reversion to Crown. Any lot the grant whereof is cancelled before the issue of the letters patent, shall revert to the Crown free of all charges.

Provision not to apply. **6.** Article 2092 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall not apply to any land granted under this act.

Regulations. **7.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make any regulation necessary for the putting into operation of the provisions of this act, and to provide for unforeseen cases, in order to facilitate the settlement of the soldiers on the land set aside for that purpose. Such regulations shall have the force of law.

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