

“The provisions of this article have applied and shall continue to apply to every such sale, grant, location, lease or license made prior to the act 32 Victoria, chapter 11, section 20.” Application.

2. Article 1575 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph: Id., 1575, amended.

“The provisions of this article have applied and shall continue to apply in future to all cancellations of lots sold or otherwise granted prior to the act 36 Victoria, chapter 8, section 6.” Application.

3. Article 1622 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced by the following: Id., 1622, replaced.

“**1622.** The Minister may always, subject to article 1623, issue licenses to cut timber, subject to the privilege of their being renewable, annually, for any fixed period of years.” Licenses to cut timber.

4. This act shall not affect pending cases. Pending cases.

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

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An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting the protection of forests against fire

[Assented to, 4th of March, 1919]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The following articles are inserted in the Revised Statutes, 1909, after article 1641a thereof, as enacted by the act 6 George V, chapter 18, section 3: R.S., 1641b. et seq. enacted.

“**1641b.** Every holder of a license to cut timber on Crown lands must, at all times between the 1st of May and the 1st of November in each year, have his timber limits patrolled by competent fire-rangers paid and selected by him, but appointed by the Minister of Lands and Forests, and the latter may prescribe the number of fire-rangers who must be employed. Such fire-rangers must devote their whole time to such patrol.” Fire rangers.

The Minister may, however, require that the limits be patrolled also in the month of April, in certain parts of the Province where it is expedient^t so to do.

Return to the Department. “**1641c.** Every license-holder must, between the first and the fifteenth of each month, during the period above-mentioned, make a return to the Department, shewing:

a. The number of fire-rangers employed by him during the preceding month;

b. The number of fires which started; the number of fires extinguished, and of those not extinguished;

c. The extent of territory burned;

d. The amount of expense, if any, incurred by the license-holder in extinguishing the fires.

Failure to make return. “**1641d.** If a license-holder fails to make the return within the delay fixed, or if he does not employ the number of fire-rangers fixed by the Minister, the latter may then have the patrolling done, with all necessary supervision, and charge the whole cost thereof to the license-holder: and the amount fixed by the Minister shall be final.

Sufficient return. “**1641e.** The return made by an association of holders of licenses to cut timber, for the protection of their limits against fire, shall be sufficient if it includes all the limits belonging to each member of such association.”

R.S., 1646a, amended. **2.** Article 1646a of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 2 George V, chapter 16, section 3, and amended by the act 6 George V, chapter 18, section 4, is further amended by replacing the words: “competent court”, in the eighth line thereof, by the words: “justice of the peace”.

Coming into force. **3.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.