

the non-observance and non-fulfilment of the condition imposed in and by certain patents issued for public lands, of taking the oaths which may have been heretofore prescribed in case of any subsequent sale, conveyance, enfeoffment or exchange, by the patentee, and of recording such oaths, within twelve months after having taken possession, in the office of the secretary of the province, or of performing certain settlement duties, shall not affect in any way the patent or title of any patentee, or of any subsequent purchaser or proprietor.

44. All legal proceedings commenced in virtue of acts repealed, shall be continued; and the rights acquired by virtue and under acts repealed shall be valid, and all orders in council, and regulations of the department, and acts done thereunder, and appointments to office now in force or existing shall continue until altered or revoked, as if the said acts had not been repealed; and all the provisions of this act shall apply to lands under patent, grant, sale, location, lease or license of occupation at the time of the passing thereof, as well as to lands disposed of after the passing thereof.

45. Compensation awarded under the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sections of this act (except where land is specifically assigned therefor by the commissioner of crown lands) and all claims therefor shall be treated as personal estate and dealt with accordingly.

46. The term "public lands" shall be held to apply to lands heretofore designated or known as crown lands and clergy lands, which designations, for the purposes of administration, shall still continue.

47. The act of the late province of Canada twenty-third Victoria, chapter two, in so far as it applies to this province, is hereby repealed.

C A P . X I I .

An Act to explain chapter twenty-three of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada.

[Assented to, 5th April, 1869.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, declares and enacts as follows:

1. According to the true intent and meaning of chapter twenty-three of the consolidated statutes of Canada, in so far as it applies to this province, the commissioner of crown lands always had and still has the power of issuing licenses

of any subsequent purchaser not affected by non-observance of certain conditions.

Proceedings under repealed Acts continued—provisions of Act to apply to lands now under patent, &c.

Compensation under ss. 27 and 28 to be personalty—Except, &c.

Definition of the term "public lands."

23 V. c. 2 repealed.

Cap. 23 C. S. C. explained.

to cut timber subject to the privilege of their being renewable annually for any fixed period of years, and in that respect, as well as in all other respects, the modifications of the crown timber regulations, sanctioned by the lieutenant-governor in council, by order in council, bearing date the second day of october, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, as published in the *Canada Gazette*, are hereby confirmed and declared to be and to have always been legal.

Commissioner
may receive
back timber
limits.

2. Notwithstanding anything in the said modifications contained, the commissioner of crown lands may at any time within two months from the passing of this act, receive back the whole of the limits or timber berths held under licenses anterior to the modifications, by any person desirous of giving back the same, and may cancel such licenses; but no person shall be allowed to give back any portion only of such limits so held by him and to retain the remainder, except in cases as provided for by the said modifications.

C A P . X I I I .

An Act to amend the Quebec Interpretation Act and the act thirty-first Victoria chapter twenty, entitled "An Act to encourage Settlers."

[Assented to 5th April, 1869.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Interpretation
act amended.

1. The Quebec Interpretation Act is amended by inserting the word "ten" after the word "nine" in subsection first of the second section of the said act.

31 V. c. 20
amended.

2. The act of this province thirty-first Victoria, chapter twenty, entitled "An Act to encourage Settlers," is hereby amended by striking out the words "code of civil procedure" in the first section of the said act, and substituting therefor the words "civil code," and by substituting for the words, "of chapter twenty-two of the consolidated statutes of Canada," in the said section, the words, "of the twenty-third Victoria, chapter two."