Acquisition of Easements and Profits a Prendre by Prescription

This report LRC 66-2002 Report on the Acquisition of Easements and Profits Á Prendre by Prescription concentrates on the prescriptive acquisition of easements and profits a prendre. An easement is a right exercisable by one landowner over the property of another landowner e.g. a right of way. A profit a prendre is a right exercisable by a person for his or her own benefit over the land of another to take and keep anything derived therefrom - e.g. a right to cut turf or to hunt. Prescription is one method of acquisition of such rights and amounts to legal recognition of such rights due to the length of time the uninterrupted right has been exercised. The Report recommends a long-overdue reform of the rules relating to the prescriptive acquisition of such rights. Contained in the Report's recommendations is the repeal of the current law and its replacement with new legislation (annexed to the Report). The draft legislation proposes a simplified and unified method of acquisition of easements and profits a prendre.