

down to the year 1840, excepting that the word "King" was replaced by "Queen" in the year 1838. This was at the "Third Session of the Thirteenth Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada, met at Toronto on the twenty-eighth day of December, in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria."

After the union of Upper and Lower Canada under the Imperial Act of 1840 (the union taking place in February, 1841), the formula for Canadian Acts was (after the usual introductory clause beginning with "whereas") as follows: "Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, 'An Act to reunite the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the government of Canada,' and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same."

The first Parliament of Upper Canada met at Newark (now Niagara), 18th September, 1792. The first united Parliament met at Kingston in 1841. The last formula, above given, continued to be used down to the year 1855; the Acts assented to on the 19th and 30th days of May of that year, being thus introduced.

On the latter of these dates an Act was assented to called "An Act to alter the mode of drawing up the Provincial Statutes." (18 Vict. c. 88). By s. 1 of this Act the form of preamble then in use was abolished and replaced by the following: "Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows: "

The reason for the change is thus stated in the preamble to that Act: "Whereas the form in which the Provincial Statutes are drawn up is needlessly prolix, rendering their publication too expensive, and tending to create confusion in the laws, in lieu of facilitating their comprehension; and whereas the recital in the preamble at the beginning of each statute,