

and Company of Adventurers of *England* trading into *Hudson's Bay*," and certain Lands and Territories, Rights of Government, and other Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Powers, and Authorities, were thereby granted or purported to be granted to the said Governor and Company in His Majesty's Dominions in *North America*:

And whereas by the *British North America Act, 1867*, it was (amongst other things) enacted that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, on Address from the Houses of the Parliament of *Canada* to admit *Rupert's Land* and the North-Western Territory, or either of them, into the Union on such Terms and Conditions as are in the Address expressed and as Her Majesty thinks fit to approve, subject to the Provisions of the said Act:

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And whereas for the Purpose of carrying into effect the Provisions of the said *British North America Act, 1867*, and of admitting *Rupert's Land* into the said Dominion as aforesaid upon such Terms as Her Majesty thinks fit to approve, it is expedient that the said Lands, Territories, Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Powers, and Authorities, so far as the same have been lawfully granted to the said Company, should be surrendered to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, upon such Terms and Conditions as may be agreed upon by and between Her Majesty and the said Governor and Company as herein-after mentioned:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as "*Rupert's Land Act, 1868*."

Definition of
'Rupert's
Land.'
2. For the purposes of this Act the Term "*Rupert's Land*," shall include the whole of the Lands and Territories held or claimed to be held by the said Governor and Company.

Power to
Her Majesty
to accept
Surrender
of Lands,
&c., of the
Company
upon cer-
tain Terms.
3. It shall be competent for the said Governor and Company to surrender to Her Majesty, and for Her Majesty by any Instrument under Her Sign Manual and Signet to accept a Surrender of all or any of the Lands, Territories, Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Powers, and Authorities whatsoever granted or purported to be granted by the said Letters Patent to the said Gover-

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