

CHAPTER 1.

An Act respecting the Form and Interpretation of Statutes.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Interpretation Act.*" Short title. 31 V., c. 1, s. 16.

APPLICATION.

2. This Act, and every provision thereof, shall extend and apply to every Act of the Parliament of Canada, now or hereafter passed except in so far as the provision is inconsistent with the intent and object of such Act, or the interpretation which such provision would give to any word, expression or clause is inconsistent with the context, —and except in so far as any provision hereof is in any such Act declared not applicable thereto ; and the omission in any Act of a declaration that "*The Interpretation Act*" applies thereto, shall not be construed to prevent its so applying, although such express declaration is inserted in some other Act or Acts of the same session. 31 V., c. 1, s. 3 ;—31 V., c. 28.

This Act to apply to all Acts now or hereafter passed.

FORM OF ENACTING.

3. The following words may be inserted in the preambles of statutes, and shall indicate the authority by virtue of which they are passed : " Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows." 31 V., c. 1, s. 1.

Form of enacting clause.

4. After the insertion of the words aforesaid, which shall follow the setting forth of the considerations or reasons upon which the law is grounded, and which shall, with these considerations or reasons, constitute the entire preamble, the various clauses of the statute shall follow in a concise and enunciative form. 31 V., c. 1, s. 2.

Other clauses to follow in concise form.

TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTS.

5. The Clerk of the Parliaments shall indorse on every Act of the Parliament of Canada, immediately after the

Date of Royal assent to be