

An Act for the protection of Copyrights in this Province.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make more effectual Legislative provision for the protection of Copyrights in this Province ;
Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

- I. Copyright is the exclusive right which belongs to an author residing in this Province, over the works which he has composed. What is copy-right.
- II. The exclusive right enjoyed by an author to publish a work, is guaranteed to him during his lifetime, upon his conforming to the conditions hereinafter laid down, and this right shall date from the day of the deposit of the title of the work as hereinafter mentioned. Term of copy-right.
- 10 III. After his death this right shall pass to his widow, heirs, legatees or other representatives in conformity with the rules of Law touching civil rights, and shall last for fifty years, to be computed from the day of the decease of the author. Duration after decease of author.
- 15 IV. The extended term of fifty years granted by the third section shall only be allowed, on condition of the reprinting of the work within the period of twenty years at the most, after the death of the author. Condition of such duration.
- V. The proprietor by succession or other title, of a posthumous work, shall enjoy the right of publishing it or permitting its publication, on complying with the conditions hereinafter mentioned. Proprietor by succession.
- 20 VI. The author may by authentic act or by deed, sell, give, cede, or convey the exclusive right of publishing his works or any part thereof, either for the entire period granted to himself, his heirs or representatives by the 2nd and 3rd sections or for a shorter period ; the parties mentioned in sections 3 and 5 shall have the same right. Author may dispose of copy-right.
- 25 VII. The said exclusive right shall belong to authors of *written works of every description*. The words *written works of every description*, shall be construed to extend to compilations, and to translations of works which shall have become public property : They shall also extend to notes and commentaries made upon and in respect of such works, but in the latter case the copyright shall be limited to the notes and commentaries accompanying the said works : Copyright shall also be granted for lectures given by professors of Law or Medicine or of other branches of Science or Art, and also by public Lecturers. What works shall be the subject of copy-right.
- 30 VIII. In order to the preservation of his exclusive right, the author shall deposit a statement in writing in the office of the Provincial Registrar, of the title in detail of the work he is about to publish, also, whether Title of work to be deposited with Provincial Registrar.