

*British North America.*

and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :

## I.—PRELIMINARY.

Short Title. **1.** This Act may be cited as *The British North America Act, 1867.*

Application of Provisions referring to the Queen. **2.** The Provisions of this Act referring to Her Majesty the Queen extend also to the Heirs and Successors of Her Majesty, Kings and Queens of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland.*

## II.—UNION.

Declaration of Union. **3.** It shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, to declare by Proclamation that, on and after a Day therein appointed, not being more than Six Months after the passing of this Act, the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick* shall form and be One Dominion under the Name of *Canada*; and on and after that Day those Three Provinces shall form and be One Dominion under that Name accordingly.

Construction of subsequent Provisions of Act. **4.** The subsequent Provisions of this Act shall, unless it is otherwise expressed or implied; commence and have effect on and after the Union, that is to say, on and after the Day appointed for the Union taking effect in the Queen's Proclamation; and in the same Provisions, unless it is otherwise expressed or implied, the Name *Canada* shall be taken to mean *Canada* as constituted under this Act.

Four Provinces. **5.** *Canada* shall be divided into Four Provinces, named *Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.*

Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. **6.** The Parts of the Province of *Canada* (as it exists at the passing of this Act) which formerly constituted respectively the Provinces of *Upper Canada* and *Lower Canada* shall be deemed to be severed, and shall form Two separate Provinces. The Part which formerly constituted the Province of *Upper Canada* shall constitute the Province of *Ontario*; and the Part which formerly constituted the Province of *Lower Canada* shall constitute the Province of *Quebec.*

Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. **7.** The Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* shall have the same Limits as at the passing of this Act.

Decennial Census. **8.** In the general Census of the Population of *Canada* which is hereby required to be taken in the Year One thousand eight hundred  
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