

AN ACT

For the Union of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the Government thereof, and for purposes connected therewith.

Whereas the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick have expressed their desire to be federally united into One Dominion under the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with a Constitution similar in principle to that of the United Kingdom :

And whereas such a Union would conduce to the welfare of the Provinces and promote the interests of the British Empire :

And whereas on the establishment of the Union by authority of Parliament it is expedient, not only that the Constitution of the Legislative Authority in the Dominion be provided for, but also that the nature of the Executive Government therein be declared :

And whereas it is expedient that provision be made for the eventual admission into the Union of other parts of British North America :

Be it therefore enacted and declared 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 :

I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the British North America Act, 1867. Short title.

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. Application of provisions referring to the Queen.