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An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting the Public Lands of the Dominion.

[Assented to 15th May, 1879.]

NOTE—The date in the margin opposite any provision, is the year in which it was made, by this Act (1879) or by an Act amending that of 1872, and repealed by section 129 of this Act, when there is no date mentioned, the provision is part of the Act 35 V., c. 23, 1872.

WHEREAS it is expedient, with a view to the proper and efficient administration and management of certain of the public lands of the Dominion, that the same should be regulated by statute, and divers Acts have been passed for that purpose which it is expedient to amend and to consolidate: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

PRELIMINARY—INTERPRETATION.

1. This Act shall apply exclusively to the lands included in Manitoba and the several Territories of the Dominion, which lands shall be styled and known as Dominion Lands; and this Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dominion Lands Act, 1879;" and the following terms and expressions therein shall be held to have the meaning hereinafter assigned them, unless such meaning be repugnant to the subject or inconsistent with the context; that is to say:—

1. The term Minister of the Interior means the Minister of the Interior of Canada.

2. The term Surveyor-General means the said officer, or in his absence, the chief clerk performing his duties for the time being.

3. The term Agent or Officer means any person or officer employed in connection with the administration and man-

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