

lations; every word importing the singular number shall extend and be applied to several persons or things, as well as one person or thing, and bodies corporate as well as individuals; and every word importing the plural number, shall extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as several persons or things; and every word importing the masculine gender only, shall extend and be applied to a female as well as a male; the words "real estate" shall extend and apply to immovable estate and property generally; and the word "securities" shall extend and apply to privileges, mortgages, (equitable as well as legal,) and incumbrances upon real and immovable estate, as well as to other rights and privileges upon personal estate and property: That this act shall extend to aliens, denizens and females, both to make them subject thereto, and to entitle them to all the benefits given thereby; and that this act shall be construed in the most beneficial manner for promoting the ends thereby intended.

Public Act.

XVII. And be it enacted, That this act shall be deemed a public act, and shall extend to all courts of law or equity in this province, and be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices and other persons whatsoever, without the same being specially shown or pleaded.

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