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CHAPTER 29.

An Act to provide for the exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction within Canada, in accordance with "The Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890."

[Assented to 31st July. 1891.]

WHEREAS by the third section of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the session held in the fifty-third and fifty-fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter twenty-seven, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting the exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction in Her Majesty's Dominions and elsewhere out of the United Kingdom*," it is amongst other things provided that the Legislature of a British Possession may, by any colonial law, declare any court of unlimited civil jurisdiction, whether original or appellate, in that Possession, to be a Colonial Court of Admiralty, and provide for the exercise by such court of its jurisdiction under the said Act; and whereas the authority given is exercisable by the Parliament of Canada by virtue of the powers vested in it by "*The British North America Act, 1867*," and "*The Interpretation Act, 1889*," of the United Kingdom; and whereas the expression "unlimited civil jurisdiction," as defined by the Act first herein referred to, which may be cited as "*The Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890*," means civil jurisdiction unlimited as to the value of the subject-matter at issue, or as to the amount that may be claimed or recovered; and whereas by the second section of the said "*Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890*," it is amongst other things enacted that every court of law in a British Possession, which is, for the time being, declared in pursuance of the said Act to be a Court of Admiralty, or which, if no such declaration is in

Preamble.
53-54 V. (Imp) c. 27.
30-31 V. (Imp) c. 63.
52-53 V. (Imp) c. 63.