Courts to interpret in case of doubt as to meaning of this Act. the Courts shall give the interpretation best calculated to attain the object for which the Act was passed, to wit, to expedite the decision of actions now brought or hereafter to be brought in commercial matters, and to provide for the speedy recovery of debts on which such actions are founded.

Application of this Act.

XXXVIII. This Act, which shall only apply to Lower Canada, with the exception of the District of Gaspé, which shall not be subject to its operation, shall come into force on the first of September, 1857. 5