

British North America.

and delivered either to *Ontario* or to *Quebec*, and the same shall thenceforth be the Property of that Province; and any Copy thereof or Extract therefrom, duly certified by the Officer having charge of the Original thereof, shall be admitted as Evidence.

Constitution
of Townships
in Quebec.

144. The Lieutenant Governor of *Quebec* may from Time to Time, by Proclamation under the Great Seal of the Province, to take effect from a Day to be appointed therein, constitute Townships in those Parts of the Province of *Quebec* in which Townships are not then already constituted, and fix the Metes and Bounds thereof.

X.—INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Duty of
Government
and Parlia-
ment of
Canada to
make Rail-
way herein
described.

145. Inasmuch as the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, and *New Brunswick* have joined in a Declaration that the Construction of the Interecolonial Railway is essential to the Consolidation of the Union of *British North America*, and to the Assent thereto of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, and have consequently agreed that Provision should be made for its immediate Construction by the Government of *Canada*: Therefore, in order to give effect to that Agreement, it shall be the Duty of the Government and Parliament of *Canada* to provide for the Commencement, within Six Months after the Union, of a Railway connecting the River *St. Lawrence* with the City of *Halifax* in *Nova Scotia*, and for the Construction thereof without Intermission, and the Completion thereof with all practicable Speed.

XI.—ADMISSION OF OTHER COLONIES.

Power to
admit New-
foundland,
&c. into the
Union.

146. It shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on Addresses from the Houses of the Parliament of *Canada*, and from the Houses of the respective Legislatures of the Colonies or Provinces of *Newfoundland*, *Prince Edward Island*, and *British Columbia*, to admit those Colonies or Provinces, or any of them, into the Union, and on Address from the Houses of the Parliament of *Canada* to admit *Rupert's Land* and the North-western Territory, or either of them, into the Union, on such Terms and Conditions in each Case as are in the Addresses expressed and as the Queen thinks fit to approve, subject to the Provisions of this Act; and the Provisions of any Order in Council in that Behalf shall have effect as if they had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

As to.
Representa-
tion of New-
foundland

147. In case of the Admission of *Newfoundland* and *Prince Edward Island*, or either of them, each shall be entitled to a
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