

CHAP. 4.

An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of Canada.

[Assented to 2nd June, 1886.]

WHEREAS it has been found expedient to revise, classify and consolidate the public general statutes passed by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, and also certain public general statutes which were passed by the several legislatures of the Provinces of Canada before they respectively became a part thereof, and which are still in force, and relate to matters within the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada; and whereas such revision, classification and consolidation have been made accordingly; and whereas it is expedient to provide for the incorporation therewith of the public general statutes passed during the present session, and for giving the force of law to the body of the Revised Statutes to result from such incorporation: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The printed Roll marked A and attested as that of the said statutes, so revised, classified and consolidated as aforesaid, under the signature of the Governor General and that of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and deposited in the office of such Clerk, shall be held to be the original thereof, and to embody the several Acts and parts of Acts mentioned as to be repealed in the Schedule A annexed to the said Roll; but the marginal notes thereon, and the references to former enactments at the foot of the several sections thereof, and the explanatory notes and tables inserted by the revisors, form no part of the said statutes, and shall be held to have been inserted for convenience of reference only, and may be omitted or corrected; and any misprint or error, whether of commission or omission, or any contradiction or ambiguity in the said Roll may also be corrected, but without changing the legal effect; and such alterations in the language of the said statutes as are requisite in order to preserve a uniform mode of expression, and do not alter the legal effect, may be made in the Roll hereinafter mentioned.

Original roll of the said statutes to be certified and deposited.

As to marginal notes, references, misprints, &c.

Correction of errors or ambiguities, &c.

2. The Governor General may select such Acts and parts of Acts passed during the present session as he deems it advisable to incorporate with the said statutes contained in the said Roll marked A, and may cause them to be so incorporated therewith, adapting their form and language to those of the said statutes, but without changing their effect, inserting them in their proper places in the said statutes, striking

Governor may cause such Acts of the present session as he thinks proper to be inserted and Schedule A corrected.