

context or other provisions thereof indicating a different meaning or calling for a different construction :

1. The enactments in such Act apply to the whole Province of Canada ; Extent of enactments.
2. The Law is to be considered as always speaking, and whenever any matter or thing is expressed in the present tense, the same is to be applied to the circumstances as they arise, so that effect may be given to each Act and every part thereof according to its spirit, true intent and meaning ; Law to be construed as speaking at the time when the case arises.
3. The word " shall " is to be construed as imperative, and the word " may " as permissive ; " Shall " and " may."
4. Whenever the word " herein " is used in any section of an Act, it is to be understood to relate to the whole Act and not to that section only ; Herein.
5. When any Act or thing is required to be done by more than two persons, a majority of them may do it ; Quorum.
6. The word " Proclamation " means a Proclamation under the Great Seal, and the expression " Great Seal " means the Great Seal of the Province of Canada ; Proclamation.
7. When the Governor is authorized to do any act by Proclamation, such Proclamation is to be understood to be a Proclamation issued under an order of the Governor in Council ; but it shall not be necessary that it be mentioned in the Proclamation that it is issued under such order ; Proclamation.
8. The word " County " includes two or more Counties united for purposes to which the enactment relates. County.
14. If upon any point there be a difference between the English and the French versions of the said Statutes, that version which is most consistent with the Acts consolidated in the said Statutes shall prevail. As to English and French Versions.
15. The laws relating to the distribution of the printed copies of the Statutes shall not apply to the said Consolidated Statutes, but the same shall be distributed in such numbers and to such persons only, as the Governor in Council may direct. As to distribution of copies.
16. This Act shall be printed with the said Consolidated Statutes and shall be subject to the same rules of construction as the said Consolidated Statutes ;—And any Chapter of the said Statutes may be cited and referred to in any Act and proceeding whatever, Civil and Criminal, either by its title as an Act,—or by its number as a Chapter in the copies printed by the Queen's Printer,—or by its short title. This Act to be printed with the said statutes.  
How they may be cited.