

- Gender. (6) Words importing one gender include all other genders.
- Number. (7) Words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular.
- Parts of speech and grammatical forms. (8) Where a word is defined, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of the same word have corresponding meanings. 5

Offences.

Indictable and summary conviction offences.

- 27.** (1) Where an enactment establishes an offence, (a) the offence shall be deemed to be an indictable offence if the enactment provides that the offender may be prosecuted for the offence by indictment; 10
- (b) the offence shall be deemed to be one for which the offender is punishable on summary conviction if there is nothing in the context to indicate that the offence is an indictable offence; and 15
- (c) if the offence is one for which the offender may be prosecuted by indictment or for which he is punishable on summary conviction, no person shall be considered to have been convicted of an indictable offence by reason only of having been convicted of the offence on summary conviction. 20

Criminal Code to apply.

(2) All the provisions of the *Criminal Code* relating to indictable offences apply to indictable offences established by an enactment, and all the provisions of the *Criminal Code* relating to summary conviction offences apply to all other offences established by an enactment, except to the extent that the enactment otherwise provides. 25 30

Documents similarly construed.

(3) In a commission, proclamation, warrant or other document relating to criminal law or procedure in criminal matters

(a) a reference to an offence for which the offender may be prosecuted by indictment shall be construed as a reference to an indictable offence; and 35

(b) a reference to any other offence shall be construed as a reference to an offence for which the offender is punishable on summary conviction. 40

DEFINITIONS.

Definitions, "Act."

- 28.** In every enactment,
- (1) "Act", as meaning an Act of a legislature, includes an ordinance of the Yukon Territory or of the Northwest Territories; 45