and the words "Governor in Council" shall be understood to mean the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof; and the words "Lower Canada" shall be understood to mean all that part of this Province which formerly constituted the Province of Lower Canada, and the words "Upper Canada" to mean all that part of this Province which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada; and all words importing the singular number or the masculine gender only, shall be understood to include several persons, matters or things of the same kind, as well as one person, matter or thing, and females as well as males, unless it be otherwise specially provided, or there be something in the context repugnant to or inconsistent with such interpretation.

At what time this Act shall come into force. XVIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and have force and effect upon, from and after the day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and , and not before.