

given to those words; and that the words "Lower Canada," whenever they occur in this Act, are to be understood as meaning and comprehending that part of the Province of Canada which formerly constituted the Province of Lower Canada; and any word or words implying the singular number, or the masculine gender only, shall be understood to include several matters of the same kind as well as one matter, and several persons as well as one person, and bodies corporate as well as individuals, unless it be otherwise specially provided, or there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction. 5

Public Act.

XII. This Act shall be held and taken to be a public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices, and other persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded. 10