

## C A P. L X V I.

## An Act respecting Aliens and Naturalization.

[Assented to 22nd May, 1868.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the laws in force in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, in the Province of Nova Scotia, and in the Province of New Brunswick, providing for the naturalization of Aliens are various, and are local and limited in their effects; and whereas it is expedient that one uniform provision should be made for Canada with respect to the naturalization of Aliens, saving always the rights, titles and claims of all persons, according to the laws of each Province, at the time of the passing of this Act; and whereas it is also expedient to provide that the benefits heretofore obtained by any person by naturalization in any part of Canada shall henceforth extend to and be available for such person in every other part of Canada: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

## LOCALLY NATURALIZED SUBJECTS OF HER MAJESTY.

Provincial  
naturalization  
extended to the  
Dominion.

**1.** Each and every person who, being by birth an Alien, had, on or before the passing of this Act, become entitled to the privileges of British birth, within any part of Canada, by virtue of any general or special Act of Naturalization in force in such part of Canada, shall hereafter be entitled to all the privileges by this Act conferred on persons naturalized under this Act.

## NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS.

Alien-born  
woman natu-  
ralized by  
marriage with  
subject.

**2.** Every Alien-born woman married to a natural-born British subject, or person naturalized under the authority of this Act or of any law either of the Province of Nova Scotia, or of the Province of New Brunswick, or of the late Province of Canada, or of the late Province of Upper Canada, or of the late Province of Lower Canada, shall be deemed to be herself naturalized, and shall have all the rights and privileges of a natural-born British subject.

Other aliens  
may become  
naturalized by  
residence, &c.

**3.** Every Alien (not being a woman married to a natural-born or naturalized British subject) now residing in, or who shall hereafter come to reside in any part of this Dominion, with intent to settle therein, and who after a continued residence therein for a period of three years or upwards, has taken the oaths or affirmations of residence and allegiance, and procured the same to be filed of record as hereinafter prescribed, so as to entitle him or her to a Certificate of Naturalization as hereinafter provided, shall thenceforth enjoy and may transmit all the rights and capacities which a natural born subject of Her Majesty can enjoy or transmit.