

## An Act respecting the Reckoning of Time.

WHEREAS an international conference was held at Wash-<sup>Preamble.</sup>  
 ington in the year one thousand eight hundred and  
 eighty-four, consisting of fully accredited delegates from  
 twenty-five nations, at which Canada was duly represented, to  
 5 determine certain leading principles by which the inhabitants  
 of the world could have a common system of reckoning time ;  
 and whereas the said conference, after prolonged deliberation,  
 with substantial unanimity, passed resolutions embodying the  
 principles which should govern all nations in the measurement  
 10 and notation of time ; and whereas the resolutions of the said  
 conference in effect determined (1) That the prime meridian  
 common to all nations should be the meridian passing through  
 the observatory at Greenwich ; (2) That the mean solar pass-  
 age on the anti-prime meridian should be the zero for reckon-  
 15 ing time ; (3) That there should be a universal measure or  
 standard of time common to all nations ; (4) That such uni-  
 versal standard should correspond and be identical with the  
 mean civil day at Greenwich, excepting only with respect to  
 the notation of the hours, which should be in a single series  
 20 from one to twenty-four ; and whereas, by a system or method  
 known as "The Hour Zone System" these principles have  
 been introduced into practice in large portions of Asia, Europe  
 and America, and have been in general use in Canada for  
 some years, and have been found to be greatly to the advan-  
 25 tage of the public ; and whereas, since the general adoption  
 throughout Canada of the new mode of reckoning time,  
 doubts have arisen as to the reckoning which has force in law,  
 and it is expedient to remove all doubt: Therefore Her  
 Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate  
 30 and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

1. The reckoning of time throughout Canada shall be in  
 agreement with the universal standard, corresponding, except  
 in the notation of the hours, with that which is known as  
 "Greenwich Civil Time," and shall be regulated in accordance  
 35 with "The Hour Zone System," based on hour meridians,  
 which are a multiple of fifteen degrees from the prime meri-  
 dian, numbered westward from the anti-prime or zero meridian  
 in regular order ; that is to say, the reckoning of time in any  
 part of Canada shall be regulated by the reckoning on some  
 40 one of the hour meridians, as follows :—

(a.) On Hour Meridian sixteen, 60° west longitude, the  
 reckoning shall be four hours behind the universal standard  
 or Greenwich Civil Time ;

How time  
 shall be  
 reckoned.