

shall continue in the same form and with the same effect as if this Act had not been made.

54. All or any of the provisions of this Act, in so far as they apply to the Legislature of any of the said United Provinces, may be altered, varied or repealed by such Legislature, the consent of the Federal Legislature thereto being first ascertained by a joint resolution of the two Houses of the Federal Parliament, approved by the Vice-Roy, and specifying the nature of the change proposed.

55. With the exceptions hereinbefore mentioned, the Legislatures of each of the said United Provinces (provided it does not interfere with the powers and authority of the Parliament of British North America) shall have power to repeal or alter any law in force within such Province, and to make new laws for the Government thereof as fully as the Parliament of British North America may do under this Act, in all matters affecting the general interests of the federation.

56. There shall be a meeting of each of the said Provincial Parliaments, on the first Monday in December in each year, which shall continue its sittings until prorogued by the Governor thereof; provided always, that no Session shall in any instance be extended beyond the period of three calendar months.