

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The purposes of an *Interpretation Act* are to establish uniform definitions and modes of expression, to eliminate repetition in the statutes and to facilitate the drafting and construction of statutes.

Although the *Interpretation Act* has been amended from time to time and consolidated by successive Statute Revision Commissions, there has not been, since Confederation, a general revision by Parliament.

In the present revision some new provisions have been added and others have been improved. There is a general re-arrangement, and the language has been revised throughout in accordance with modern drafting standards.

In the notes below, the references to sections are to sections of the present *Interpretation Act*. In many cases there has been some change in wording and minor alteration in scope. Substantial changes, and new provisions, are specially mentioned.

Clause 2. (1) The definitions of "Act", "enactment" and "regulation" are new. Their purpose is to apply the whole of the Act to all orders in council and to the various instruments made under the authority of statutes.