

CHAP. 49.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws respecting
the North-West Territories.

[Assented to 8th April, 1875.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and consolidate the Preamble.
laws respecting the North-West Territories; There-
fore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of
the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as
follows:—

GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATION.

1. The Territories formerly known as “Rupert’s Land” North-West Territories defined.
and the North-Western Territory, (with the exception of
such portion thereof as forms the Province of Manitoba),
shall continue to be styled and known as the North-West
Territories; and the word “Territories,” in this Act, means
the said Territories.

2. For the North-West Territories there shall be an officer Lieutenant-Governor.
styled the Lieutenant-Governor, appointed by the Governor
General in Council, by instrument under the great seal of
Canada, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the
Governor General; and the Lieutenant-Governor shall
administer the government under instructions from time His instructions.
to time given him by Order in Council, or by the Secretary
of State of Canada :

2. Every Lieutenant-Governor so appointed shall, before Oath of office.
assuming the duties of his office, make or subscribe before
the Governor General or some person duly authorized to
administer such oaths, an oath of allegiance or office similar
to those prescribed to be taken by a Lieutenant-Governor,
under “*The British North America Act, 1867.*”

3. The Governor-General, with the advice of the Queen’s Council may be appointed.
Privy Council for Canada, by warrant under his privy seal,
may constitute and appoint such and so many persons from
time to time, not exceeding in the whole five persons,—of Number, powers and quorum.
which number the Stipendiary Magistrates hereinafter men-
tioned shall be members *ex officio*,—to be a Council to aid the
Lieutenant-Governor in the administration of the North-
West Territories, with such powers, not inconsistent with
this Act, as may be, from time to time, conferred upon them
by the Governor General in Council; and a majority shall
form a *quorum*.