

ed, adjudged and taken to be and to have been, natural born subjects of Her Majesty to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if they and every of them had been born in this Province, and that the children or more remote descendants of every such person who may be dead, shall be and are hereby admitted to the same privileges which such parents or ancestors, if living, could claim under this Act: Provided always nevertheless, that none of such persons (except females) who have not taken the oath or affirmation of allegiance before some of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace or other person duly authorized by law to administer the same, shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act unless they shall take such oath or affirmation before such Justice or other person as aforesaid.

And their children.

Proviso: they must have taken, or take the oath of allegiance.

Persons resident in Canada on 31st Dec., 1848, and continuing resident, so as to make up 7 years residence in all, naturalized.

Proviso; they must have taken or take oath of allegiance.

III. And be it enacted, That all persons who had their settled place of abode in this Province on the thirty-first of day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, not being of either of the descriptions of persons before mentioned, who shall have resided or shall continue to reside therein, or in some other part of Her Majesty's Dominions until they shall have been resident inhabitants thereof for the space of seven years continually, without having been during that time stated residents in any foreign country, shall be and are hereby admitted to all the privileges of British birth, and shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be and to have been natural born subjects of Her Majesty to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if they and every of them had been born in this Province: Provided always nevertheless, that none of the persons described in this clause (except females) who have not taken the oath or affirmation of allegiance before some of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace or other person duly authorized by law to administer the same, shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act, unless they shall take such