



British North America Act 1867

1867 CHAPTER 3

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

General

127 As to Legislative Councillors of Provinces becoming Senators.

If any Person being at the passing of this Act a Member of the Legislative Council of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, or *New Brunswick*, to whom a Place in the Senate is offered, does not within Thirty Days thereafter, by Writing under his Hand, addressed to the Governor General of the Province of *Canada* or to the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia* or *New Brunswick* (as the Case may be), accept the same, he shall be deemed to have declined the same; and any Person who, being at the passing of this Act a Member of the Legislative Council of *Nova Scotia* or *New Brunswick*, accepts a Place in the Senate, shall thereby vacate his Seat in such Legislative Council.

128 Oath of Allegiance, &c.

Every Member of the Senate or House of Commons of *Canada* shall before taking his Seat therein take and subscribe before the Governor General or some Person authorized by him, and every Member of a Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly of any Province shall before taking his Seat therein take and subscribe before the Lieutenant Governor of the Province or some Person authorized by him, the Oath of Allegiance contained in the Fifth Schedule to this Act; and every Member of the Senate of *Canada* and every Member of the Legislative Council of *Quebec* shall also, before taking his Seat therein, take and subscribe before the Governor General, or some Person authorized by him, the Declaration of Qualification contained in the same Schedule.

129 Continuance of existing Laws, Courts, Officers, &c.

Except as otherwise provided by this Act, all Laws in force in *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, or *New Brunswick* at the Union, and all Courts of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction,

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and all legal Commissions, Powers, and Authorities, and all Officers, Judicial, Administrative, and Ministerial, existing therein at the Union, shall continue in *Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick* respectively, as if the Union had not been made; subject nevertheless (except with respect to such as are enacted by or exist under Acts of the Parliament of *Great Britain* or of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*.) to be repealed, abolished, or altered by the Parliament of *Canada*, or by the Legislature of the respective Province, according to the Authority of the Parliament or of that Legislature under this Act.

130 Transfer of Officers to Canada.

Until the Parliament of *Canada* otherwise provides, all Officers of the several Provinces having Duties to discharge in relation to Matters other than those coming within the Classes of Subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces shall be Officers of *Canada*, and shall continue to discharge the Duties of their respective Offices under the same liabilities, Responsibilities, and Penalties as if the Union had not been made.

131 Appointment of new Officers.

Until the Parliament of *Canada* otherwise provides, the Governor General in Council may from Time to Time appoint such Officers as the Governor General in Council deems necessary or proper for the effectual Execution of this Act.

132 Treaty Obligations.

The Parliament and Government of *Canada* shall have all Powers necessary or proper for performing the Obligations of *Canada* or of any Province thereof, as Part of the *British Empire*, towards Foreign Countries, arising under Treaties between the Empire and such Foreign Countries.

133 Use of English and French Languages.

Either the English or the French Language may be used by any Person in the Debates of the Houses of the Parliament of *Canada* and of the Houses of the Legislature of *Quebec*; and both those Languages shall be used in the respective Records and Journals of those Houses; and either of those Languages may be used by any Person or in any Pleading or Process in or issuing from any Court of *Canada* established under this Act, and in or from all or any of the Courts of *Quebec*.

The Acts of the Parliament of *Canada* and of the Legislature of *Quebec* shall be printed and published in both those Languages.