THE
ACTS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1939

CHAPTER 23

An Act Respecting the Provincial Statutes

(Assented to March 27th, 1939)

BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows :

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Interpretation Act".

Date of assent of Acts.

2. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly shall endorse on every Act of the Assembly immediately after the title of such Act, the day, month and year when the same was assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor, and such endorsement shall be taken to be a part of such Act, and the date of such assent shall be the date of the commencement of the Act if no later commencement be therein provided.

Sections.

3. All Acts shall be divided into sections if there be more enactments than one, which sections shall be numbered and deemed to be substantial enactments without any introductory words.

Enacting clause.

4. The enacting clause of a statute may be in the following form :— "Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows".

Enacting clause to follow preamble

5. The enacting clause shall follow the preamble, if any, and the various clauses within the purview or body of the statute shall follow in a concise and enunciative form.

Interpretation.

6. In this Act the expression

(a) "Public officer" includes any person, official, or employee in the public service of the Province by or under a public statute authorized to do or enforce the doing of any act or thing, to exercise any power or upon whom any duty is imposed;

(b) "Regulation" includes any rule, rule of court, order prescribing regulations, tariff of costs or fees,

(i) words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular; *Singular.*

(j) where a word is defined in any Act or regulation other parts of speech and tenses of the same word shall have a corresponding meaning; *Tenses.*

(k) when the time limited for the doing of anything under its provisions, expires or falls upon a holiday, the time so limited shall be extended to, and the thing may be done, on the day first following which is not a holiday; *Times limited.*

(l) where any period of time dating from a given day, act, or event is prescribed or allowed for any purpose, the time shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be reckoned exclusively of such day or of the day of such act or event; and *Time, reckoned exclusive of event.*

(m) a reference to time is to be deemed a reference to Atlantic Standard Time, (sixty degrees west longitude) being twelve minutes and twenty-nine seconds fast of the local time of the meredian which passes through the Provincial Clock on the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown. *Time.*

REFERENCES

22. (1) In any Act, regulation or document, an Act of the Province or of Canada may be cited by reference to its title or its short title, if any, either with or without reference to the chapter, or by reference to the number of the chapter of the Revised Statutes or of the statutes for the year of Our Lord or the regnal year in which the Act was passed. *Acts how cited.*

(2) A citation of or reference to an Act shall be deemed to be a citation of or reference to the Act as amended.

23. (1) When reference is made by number or letter to two or more parts, divisions, sections, sub-sections, paragraphs, sub-paragraphs, clauses, schedules or forms in an Act or regulation, the number or letter first mentioned and the number or letter last mentioned shall both be deemed to be included in the reference. *References by number or letter.*

(2) When in an Act reference is made to a part, division, section, schedule or form without anything in the context to indicate that a part, division, section, schedule or form of some other Act is intended to be referred to, the reference shall be deemed to be a refer- *References to sections in an Act.*