Ontario Act (1937, Chap. 6) authorizing the Revised Statutes, 1937

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An Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario.

CHAPTER 6 OF THE STATUTES OF 1937.

Assented to March 8th, 1937.
Session Prorogued March 25th, 1937.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and revise the public Statutes of this Province; and whereas such consolidation and revision are being made by the Legislative Counsel under the direction of the Attorney-General; and whereas it is in the public interest that the said consolidation and revision should as soon as practicable, and prior to the holding of another session of this Legislature, be issued and authorized as the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937;

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. The Legislative Counsel is hereby appointed a Commissioner to consolidate and revise the public Statutes of Ontario in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

2. As soon as the said Commissioner shall report in writing, signed by him, the completion of the said consolidation and revision, including therein such Acts and parts of Acts passed during the present session as the Lieutenant-Governor may deem advisable to be included, the Lieutenant-Governor may cause a printed Roll thereof, attested by his signature and countersigned by the Provincial Secretary, to be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

3. There may be appended to the said Roll,—

(a) An appendix marked "Appendix 'A'" similar in form to Appendix "A" appended to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1927, showing certain Acts and parts of Acts not repealed by the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937, and in force in Ontario subject thereto; and
(b) An appendix marked "Appendix ‘B’" similar in form to Appendix "B" appended to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1927, showing certain Imperial Statutes and Statutes of Canada relating to the constitution and boundaries of Ontario.

4.—(1) There shall be appended to the said Roll a schedule marked "Schedule ‘A’" similar in form to Schedule "A" appended to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1927, showing Acts contained in the said Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1927, and other Acts of the Legislature of Ontario which are repealed in whole or in part from the day upon which the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937, take effect and the extent of such repeal.

(2) There may be appended to the said Roll a schedule marked "Schedule ‘B’" similar in form to Schedule "B" appended to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1927, showing Acts and parts of Acts which are repealed, superseded and consolidated in the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937, and showing also what portions of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1927, and Acts of the Legislature passed thereafter are not consolidated.

(3) The insertion of any Act in the said Schedules or either of them shall not be construed as a declaration that such Act or any part thereof was or was not in force immediately before the coming into force of the said Revised Statutes.

5. In consolidating and revising the said Statutes the Commissioner may alter the numbering and arrangement of the Statutes and of the different sections thereof, and may make such alterations in their language as are requisite in order to preserve a uniform mode of expression, and may make such minor amendments as are necessary to bring out more clearly what is deemed to be the intention of the Legislature or to reconcile seemingly inconsistent enactments, or to correct clerical, grammatical or typographical errors, and may include in such consolidation and revision such private Acts relating to professions and callings as are considered to have general application throughout the Province.

6. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council after the deposit as aforesaid of the said Roll may by proclamation declare the day from and after which the same shall come into force and have effect as law by the designation of "The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937."

7. On and from such day the same shall accordingly come into force and effect by the said designation to all intents
as though the same were expressly embodied in and enacted by this Act to come into force and have effect on and from such day; and on and from the same day all the enactments in the several Acts and parts of Acts in the said Schedule "A" mentioned shall stand and be repealed to the extent mentioned in the third column of the said Schedule.

8. Except as otherwise provided in this Act the rules of construction and interpretation declared by the Revised Statutes to be applicable in the construction and interpretation of the Statutes of Ontario shall apply to the said Revised Statutes and to this Act.

9. Any reference in any former Act remaining in force or in any instrument or document, to any Act or enactment so repealed shall, after the Revised Statutes take effect, be held, as regards any subsequent transaction, matter or thing, to be a reference to the enactments in the Revised Statutes having the same effect as such repealed Act or enactment.

10. Copies of the said Revised Statutes as printed by the King's Printer, shall be received as evidence of the said Revised Statutes in all courts and places whatsoever.

11. The laws relating to the distribution of the printed copies of the Statutes shall not apply to the said Revised Statutes, but the same shall be distributed in such numbers and to such persons only as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct.

12. This Act shall be printed with the Revised Statutes and shall be subject to the same rules of construction as the said Revised Statutes.

13. Any chapter of the Revised Statutes may be cited and referred to in any Act or proceeding whatever, either by its title as an Act or by using the expression "The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937, chapter " (adding the number of the particular chapter in the copies printed by the King's Printer).

14. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it receives the Royal Assent.