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CHAPTER 81.

An Act respecting Indians.

SHORT TITLE.

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Indian Act. R.S., c. 43, Short title.
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INTERPRETATION.

- 2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
- (a) 'Superintendent General' means the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and 'Deputy Superintendent General' means the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs; Definitions.
'Superinten-
dent Gen-
eral.'
- (b) 'agent' or 'Indian agent' means and includes a commissioner, assistant commissioner, superintendent, agent or other officer acting under the instructions of the Superintendent General; 'Agent.'
'Indian
agent.'
- (c) 'person' means an individual other than an Indian; 'Person.'
- (d) 'band' means any tribe, band or body of Indians who own or are interested in a reserve or in Indian lands in common, of which the legal title is vested in the Crown, or who share alike in the distribution of any annuities or interest moneys for which the Government of Canada is responsible; and, when action is being taken by the band as such, means the band in council; 'Band.'
- (e) 'irregular band' means any tribe, band or body of persons of Indian blood who own no interest in any reserve or lands of which the legal title is vested in the Crown, who possess no common fund managed by the Government of Canada, and who have not had any treaty relations with the Crown; 'Irregular
band.'
- (f) 'Indian' means 'Indian.'
- (i) any male person of Indian blood reputed to belong to a particular band,
- (ii) any child of such person,
- (iii) any woman who is or was lawfully married to such person;
- (g) 'non-treaty Indian' means any person of Indian blood who is reputed to belong to an irregular band, or who follows the Indian mode of life, even if such person is only a temporary resident in Canada; 'Non-treaty
Indian.'