

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1857. Toronto: Stewart Derbishire & George Desbarats, 1857.

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An Act to amend the Criminal Law, as regards the uttering of certain spurious Foreign Coin. Assented to 10th June, 1857.

Whereas it is expedient to prevent the making, importing and uttering of spurious foreign gold or silver coin in this Province: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Any person who shall color or case over with gold or silver, or with any wash or materials producing the color of gold or silver, any coin of coarse gold or silver or of base metal, resembling any coin made, coined, or struck by or under the authority of any foreign prince or state, and then actually current in the dominions or country of such prince or state, although not current by law in this Province, or who shall make, or cause to be made, or buy, sell or procure, or knowingly bring or import into this Province any forged, false or counterfeit coin resembling any such foreign gold or silver coin as aforesaid, or any coin of coarse gold or silver or base metal colored or cased over with gold or silver or with any wash or materials producing the color of gold or silver, and resembling any such foreign gold or silver coin as aforesaid, or who shall: offer, utter, tender, or put. off as being any such foreign gold or silver coin as aforesaid, any forged, false, or counterfeit piece or coin counterfeited to, and resembling any such foreign gold or silver coin as aforesaid, knowing the same to be forged, false or counterfeit, shall for the first offence be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the second or any subsequent offence, shall be deemed guilty of felony.

II. Any person who shall form, cast, make cut, sink, stamp or engrave, repair or mend any die, press, mould, matrix, tool, instrument or machine, metal, or material of any kind, used, constructed, devised, adapted or designed for the purpose of counterfeiting or imitating any foreign gold or silver coin described in this Act, shall, for the first, offence, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the second or any subsequent offence shall be deemed guilty of felony.

III. Any person who shall knowingly, and except for some known and lawful purpose, have in his possession or custody, any forged, false, or counterfeited piece or coin, counterfeited to resemble any foreign gold or silver coin described in this Act, or any die, press, mould, matrix, tool or instrument or machine, metal or material of any kind used, constructed, devised, adapted or designed for the purpose of imitating any foreign gold or silver coin described in this Act, shall for the first offence be deemed guilty, of a misdemeanor, and for the second or any subsequent offence, shall be deemed guilty of felony.

IV. Any person who shall be convicted of having committed any misdemeanor under this Act, shall, at the discretion of the Court before which the conviction shall be had, be imprisoned in any Common Gaol, with or without hard labour, for any term under two years, or shall be imprisoned and kept at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not less than two or more than seven years; And

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upon conviction for a second or any subsequent offence under this Act as aforesaid, such person shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall be imprisoned and kept at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not less than two nor more than fourteen years, in the discretion of the Court before which the conviction shall be had.