

*Corrupt Practices Prevention Act.*

7. No Candidate or any other person shall furnish or supply any cockade, ribbon, or other mark of distinction, with intent that the same should be worn or used within such Electoral District on the day of Election, or within eight days before such day, or during the continuance of such Election, by such person or any other, as a party badge to distinguish the wearer as the supporter of such Candidate, or of the political or other opinions entertained or supposed to be entertained by such Candidate; nor shall any person use or wear any cockade, ribbon, or other mark of distinction as such badge, within any Electoral District on the day of any such Election, or within eight days before such day or during the continuance of such Election.

No cockades, &c., to be used at Elections or eight days before.

8. No Candidate or any other person shall furnish or supply any ensign, standard, or set of colours, or any other flag to, or for any person or persons whomsoever, with intent that the same should be carried or used in any Electoral District on the day of Election or within eight days before such day, or during the continuance of such Election, by such person or any other, as a party flag to distinguish the bearer thereof and those who might follow the same as the supporters of such Candidate or of the political or other opinions entertained or supposed to be entertained by such Candidate; nor shall any person for any reason carry or use any such ensign, standard, set of colours, or other flag, as a party flag, within such Electoral District on the day of any such Election, or within eight days before such day, or during the continuance of such Election.

Party ensigns, flags, &c., not to be carried during any Election or eight days before.

9. Every person offending against any of the provisions of the two next preceding Sections shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Misdemeanor.

10. The giving, or causing to be given, to any Voter on the day of nomination, or the day of polling, on account of such Voter having polled, or being about to poll, any meat, drink, or entertainment by way of refreshment, or any money or ticket to enable such Voter to obtain refreshment, shall be deemed an illegal act, and the person so offending shall forfeit the sum of Ten Dollars for each offence, to any person who shall sue for the same, together with full costs of suit.

Refreshments to Voters on nomination or polling days declared illegal.

Penalty.

11. The pecuniary penalties hereby imposed for the offences of bribery, treating, or undue influence respectively, shall be recoverable by action or suit, by any person who shall sue for the same in the Supreme Court, or in any of the County Courts of British Columbia.

Penalties how recoverable.

12. It shall be lawful for any Criminal Court, before which any prosecution shall be instituted for any offence against the provisions of this Act, to order payment to the prosecutor of such costs and expenses as to the said Court shall appear to have been reasonably incurred in and about the conduct of such prosecution.

Costs and Expenses of prosecutions.

13. In case of any indictment, or information by a private prosecutor for any offence against the provisions of this Act, if judgment shall be given for the defendant, he shall be entitled to recover from the prosecutor the costs sustained by the defendant by reason of such indictment or information; such costs to be taxed by the proper Officer of the Court in which such judgment shall be given.

Cases in which defendant may recover costs from the prosecutor.

14. It shall not be lawful for any Court to order payment of the costs of a prosecution for any offence against the provisions of this Act, unless the prosecutor shall, before or upon the finding of the indictment or the granting of the information, enter into a recognizance, with two sufficient sureties, in the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (to be acknowledged in like manner as would be now required in cases of *Certiorari* awarded at the instance of a defendant in an indictment), with the conditions following, that is to say:—That the prosecutor shall conduct the prosecution with effect, and shall pay to the defendant or defendants, in case he or they shall be acquitted, his or their costs.

Prosecutor not to be entitled to costs unless he shall have entered into a recognizance to conduct prosecution and pay costs.

15. No person shall be liable to any penalty or forfeiture hereby enacted or imposed, or to be tried for a misdemeanor or other offence under this Act, unless some prosecution, action, or suit for the offence committed, shall be commenced against such person within the space of one year next after such offence against this Act shall be committed, and unless such person shall be summoned or otherwise served with Writ or Process within the same space of time, so as such Summons or service of Writ or Process shall not be prevented by such person absconding or withdrawing out of the jurisdiction of the Court out of which such Writ or other Process shall have issued as aforesaid, the same shall be proceeded with and carried on without any wilful delay.

Limitation of actions.

16. In any indictment or information for bribery or undue influence, and in any action or proceeding for any penalty for bribery, treating, or undue influence, it shall be sufficient to allege that the Defendant was at the Election at or in connection with which the offence is intended to be alleged to have been committed

General allegations sufficient in indictments.