

An Act to prevent the traffic in Alcoholic and Intoxicating Liquors.

WHEREAS the common traffic in intoxicating Liquors and their use as a beverage is a fruitful cause of crime, poverty, disease and demoralization; And whereas it is the first duty of Government to protect the people against these evils: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the time limited for the commencement of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to manufacture, barter or sell, directly or indirectly, to any other person any alcoholic or intoxicating Liquor or any mixed Liquor a part of which is alcoholic or intoxicating (and every such mixed liquor shall be included in the expression "alcoholic or intoxicating liquor" when used in this Act), except for medicinal, chemical or mechanical purposes as hereinafter provided.

Preamble.

General rule laid down.

II. Any person not being a licensed manufacturer or an agent duly appointed under the provisions of this Act, who shall, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, manufacture, expose or keep for sale or barter, or shall sell, dispose of, exchange for any other matter or thing, to any other person any alcoholic or intoxicating Liquor, except according to the provisions of this Act, shall be liable to a fine of £ on the first conviction, £ on the second, and on the third and every subsequent conviction to such last mentioned fine and imprisonment for a period not more than six calendar months, such fine to be paid over to the Chamberlain, Treasurer, Clerk or Secretary-Treasurer, of the Municipality in which the offence shall be proved to have been committed, for the use of the Municipality, and to be applied to such public purposes as the Council thereof may direct, and in default of payment of any fine imposed under this Act, with the costs of prosecution, at the time of conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned until the same be paid: Provided that nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to prevent any Chemist, Artist or Manufacturer, in whose art or trade they may be necessary, from keeping at his place of business such reasonable and proper quantity of distilled liquors as he may have occasion to use in his art or trade, but not for sale or barter.

Penalty for contravening the General rule aforesaid.

Proviso.