

## An Act respecting Offences relating to the Coin.

**W**HEREAS, it is expedient to assimilate, amend and consolidate the Statute Law of the several Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, respecting Offences relating to the Coin, and to extend the same as so consolidated, to all Canada; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. In the interpretation of and for the purposes of this Act, the expression "current gold or silver coin" shall include any gold or silver coined in any of Her Majesty's mints, or gold or silver coin of any foreign Prince, or State or country or other coin lawfully current, by virtue of any proclamation or otherwise, in Canada, or any other part of Her Majesty's Dominions; and the expression "current copper coin" shall include any copper coin and any coin of bronze or mixed metal coined in any of Her Majesty's mints, or lawfully current, by virtue of any proclamation or otherwise, in Canada, or any other part of Her Majesty's Dominions, and the expression "false or counterfeit coin resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for current gold or silver coin" or other similar expression, shall include any of the current coin which has been gilt, silvered, washed, coloured or cased over, or in any manner altered, so as to resemble or be apparently intended to resemble or pass for any of the current coin of a higher denomination; and the expression "current coin," shall include any coin coined in any of Her Majesty's mints, or lawfully current, by virtue of any proclamation or otherwise, in Canada, or any other part of Her Majesty's Dominions, and whether made of gold, silver, copper, bronze, or mixed metal; and where the having any matter in the custody or possession of any person is mentioned in this Act, it shall include, not only the having of it by himself in his personal custody or possession, but also the knowingly and wilfully having it in the actual custody or possession of any other person, and also the knowingly and wilfully having it in any dwelling-house or other building, lodging, apartment, field, or other place, open or inclosed, whether belonging to or occupied by himself or not, and whether such matter is so had for his own use or benefit, or for that of any other person.
2. Whosoever falsely makes or counterfeits any coin resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current gold or silver coin, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.
3. Whosoever gilds or silvers, or with any wash or materials capable of producing the colour or appearance of gold or of silver, or by any means whatsoever, washes, cases over, or colours any coin whatsoever resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current gold or silver coin, or gilds or silvers or with any wash or materials capable of producing the colour or appearance of gold or of silver, or by any means whatsoever, washes, cases over or colours any piece of silver or copper, or of coarse gold or coarse silver, or of any metal or mixture

Interpretation of terms Current gold and silver coin.

Copper coin.

False or counterfeit coin.

Current coin.

What shall be having in possession.

Counterfeiting the gold or silver coin.

Colouring counterfeit coin or any pieces of metal with intent to make them pass for gold or silver coin.