



## 57-58 VICTORIA.

### CHAP. 58.

#### An Act respecting Arrest, Trial and Imprisonment of Youthful Offenders.

[Assented to 23rd July, 1894.]

**W**HEREAS it is desirable to make provision for the separation of youthful offenders from contact with older offenders and habitual criminals during their arrest and trial, and to make better provision than now exists for their commitment to places where they may be reformed and trained to useful lives, instead of their being imprisoned: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

**1.** Section five hundred and fifty of *The Criminal Code*, 1892, is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor: 1892. c. 29, s. 550 amended.

“**550.** The trials of young persons apparently under the age of sixteen years, shall take place without publicity and separately and apart from the trials of other accused persons, and at suitable times to be designated and appointed for that purpose.”

Trial of young persons.

**2.** Young persons apparently under the age of sixteen years who are:—

Imprisonment of persons under 16.

- (a.) arrested upon any warrant; or
- (b.) committed to custody at any stage of a preliminary enquiry into a charge for an indictable offence; or
- (c.) committed to custody at any stage of a trial, either for an indictable offence or for an offence punishable on summary conviction; or
- (d.) committed to custody after such trial, but before imprisonment under sentence,—

shall be kept in custody separate from older persons charged with criminal offences and separate from all persons undergoing sentences of imprisonment, and shall not be confined in the lock-ups or police stations with older persons charged with criminal offences or with ordinary criminals.

To be separated from older offenders.

**3.** If any child, appearing to the court or justice before whom the child is tried to be under the age of fourteen years, is

In Ontario how child under 14 may be