

An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. *The Criminal Code, 1892*, is amended by inserting there- 1892, c. 29
5 in, immediately after section 363 thereof, the following sec- amended.
tion:—

“363A. Everyone is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to three months’ imprisonment who puts up at any hotel or boarding house as a guest and procures food, lodging or 10 other accommodation without paying therefor (except when credit is given therefor by express agreement) with intent to defraud the keeper of such hotel or boarding house of the pay therefor, or who, with intent to defraud such keeper of the pay therefor, obtains credit at his hotel or boarding house for such 15 accommodation by means of any false pretense as to baggage or effects brought thereto.

“2. Proof that such person obtained such accommodation by false pretense, or by false pretense as to baggage, or that he absconded or left the premises without paying or offering to 20 pay for such accommodation, or that he surreptitiously removed or attempted to remove his baggage, shall be *prima facie* proof of the fraudulent intent mentioned in subsection 1 of this section.”

Obtaining accommodation at hotel, etc., by false pretenses.

Proof of fraudulent intent.