

An Act respecting the trial and punishment of Juvenile Offenders.

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

1. In this Act the expression "any two or more Justices," shall mean and include any two or more Justices of the Peace, or any Recorder, Police magistrate, District magistrate or other functionary or tribunal invested at the time of the passing of this Act, with the powers assigned to any two or more Justices of the Peace, by Chapter 106 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled "*An Act respecting the trial and punishment of Juvenile Offenders*," and acting within the local limits of their or of his jurisdiction, and any functionary, or tribunal invested by the proper Legislative authority with power to do acts usually required to be done by two or more Justices of the Peace; and as respects the Province of Nova Scotia or the Province of New Brunswick, the said expression shall mean and include any functionary or tribunal invested by the proper legislative authority with power to do acts usually required to be done by two or more Justices of the Peace:—and the expression "the Justices" shall have the same meaning as the expression "two or more Justices of the Peace" as above defined: and the expression "the Common Gaol or other place of confinement" shall include any Reformatory Prison provided for the reception of juvenile offenders in the Province in which the conviction referred to takes place, and to which by the law of that Province the offender can be sent.

2. Every person charged with having committed or having attempted to commit, or with having been an aider, abettor, counsellor or procurer in the commission of any offence which is simple larceny, or punishable as simple larceny, and whose age at the period of the commission or attempted commission of such offence does not, in the opinion of the Justice before whom he is brought or appears as mentioned in section *seven*, exceed the age of sixteen years, shall, upon conviction thereof, in open Court, upon his own confession or upon proof, before any two or more Justices be committed to the common gaol or other place of confinement within the jurisdiction of such Justices, there to be imprisoned with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding three months, or, in the discretion of such Justices, shall forfeit and pay such sum, not exceeding *twenty dollars*, as the said Justices may adjudge.

3. The Justices before whom any person is charged and proceeded against under this Act, before such person is asked whether he has any cause to shew why he should not be convicted, shall say to the person so charged, these words, or words to the like effect:

Intrepretation.

Persons not more than sixteen years of age may be summarily convicted of certain offences before two Justices.

And must if the offender objects to summary trial.