

An Act further to amend the Indian Act.

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

1. Section 3 of *The Indian Act*, chapter 43 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor :—

“**33.** Indians residing upon any reserve shall be liable, if so directed by the Superintendent General, or any officer or person by him thereunto authorized, to perform labour upon the public roads laid out or used in or through, or abutting upon such reserve, which labour shall be performed under the sole control of the Superintendent General, or officer or person aforesaid, who may direct when, where and how and in what manner such labour shall be applied, and to what extent the same shall be imposed upon Indians who are resident upon any of the said lands; and the Superintendent General, or officer or person aforesaid, shall have the like power to enforce the performance of such labour by imprisonment or otherwise, as may be done by any power or authority under any law, rule or regulation in force in the province or territory in which such reserve is situate, for the non-performance of statute labour; but the labour to be so required of any such Indian shall not exceed in amount or extent what may be required of other inhabitants of the same province, territory, county or other local division, under the laws requiring and regulating such labour and the performance thereof.”

R.S., c. 43,
new section
33.

Indians liable
to labour on
public roads
in reserves.

Enforcing
labour.

Amount of
labour
limited.

2. The section substituted for section 38 of the said Act by section 1 of chapter 35 of the statutes of 1895, is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor :—

“**38.** No reserve or portion of a reserve shall be sold, alienated or leased until it has been released or surrendered to the Crown for the purposes of this Act: provided that the Superintendent General may lease, for the benefit of any Indian, upon his application for that purpose, the land to which he is entitled without such land being released or surrendered, and may, without surrender, dispose to the best advantage, in the interests of the Indians, of wild grass and dead or fallen timber.”

New section
38.

Sale or lease
of reserves.

3. Subsection (b) of section 39 of the said Act, as amended by section 2 of chapter 30 of the statutes of 1891, is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor :—

Section 39
amended.

“(b.) The fact that such release or surrender has been assented to by the band at such council or meeting shall be

Proof of
assent.