

representing the company, or by leaving the same with any adult person at the office or domicile of any one of them.

(7) The Act applies to contracts heretofore entered into, and to subsidies or bonuses heretofore authorized by the Legislature as well as those hereafter entered into or authorized.

#### *CERTAIN AGREEMENTS DECLARED NULL AND VOID.*

"An Act for the better protection of certain classes of Workmen" (1896), provides among other things, that every agreement or bargain, verbal or written, expressed or implied, which has heretofore been made or entered into, or which may hereafter be made or entered into on the part of any workman, servant, laborer, mechanic or other person employed in any kind of manual labor intended to be dealt with in "The Act respecting Master and Servant," "The Mechanics' Lien Act," "The Woodman's Lien for Wages Act," or any other Act heretofore passed providing remedies for the recovery of wages or otherwise by such employees, by which it is agreed that the said Acts, or any of them, shall not apply, or that the remedies provided for by any of the said Acts shall not be available for the benefit of any person entering into such agreement, is hereby declared to be null and void and of no effect as against any such workman, servant, laborer, mechanic or other person.

#### *LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS OF COMPANIES FOR WAGES. R.S.O., 1897, CAP 191.*

The directors of the company shall be jointly and severally liable to the laborers, servants and apprentices thereof for all debts not exceeding one year's wages due for services performed for the company; but no director shall be liable to an action therefor, unless the company has been sued therefor within one year after the debt became due, nor yet before an execution against the company has been returned unsatisfied in whole, or in part; and the amount due on such execution shall be the amount recoverable with costs against the directors.

#### *THE MINES ACT, 1892.*

Under the head of "Employment of Women and Children," section 54 of this very comprehensive Act provides that "No boy under the age of fifteen years shall be employed in or allowed to be for the purpose of employment in any mine to which this Act applies below ground, and no girl or woman shall be employed at mining or allowed to be for the purpose of employment at mining work in or about any mine." Another section provides that "A boy or male young person of the age of fifteen and under the age of seventeen years shall not be employed in or allowed to be for