

An Act to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide by law for the care of habitual drunkards, and for the custody and disposal of their estates; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. Whenever the Head and Councillors of any Municipality shall discover any person to be an habitual drunkard, it shall and may be lawful for them, by writing under their Corporate Seal, to designate and describe such drunkard, and by written notice under their said seal to require all merchants and other dealers in spirituous liquors, and every person within the Municipality where such drunkard shall reside, or in any other Municipality near to, or adjoining such first Municipality, upon the said notice being first endorsed by the head of such adjoining Municipality, not to give or sell under any pretence, any spirituous liquors to such drunkard.

Municipal Councils may forbid the sale, &c., of spirituous liquors to drunkards.

II. If after the personal service of such notice, any person shall knowingly give or sell in any manner whatever, spirituous liquors to any such drunkard, except by the personal direction or on the written certificate of some medical practitioner regularly licensed to practise according to the laws of this Province, stating that such liquor is necessary for the preservation or recovery of the health of such drunkard, he or she shall forfeit for every such offence, upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, a sum of not less than twenty shillings, nor more than five pounds, as in the discretion of the said Justice shall seem meet.

Penalty on persons selling liquors to such drunkards.

III. Every person upon whom the notice mentioned in the first section of this Act shall have been served, shall be liable to the forfeiture prescribed in the second section thereof, whenever any agent, clerk or member of the family of such person shall knowingly give or sell in any manner whatever, spirituous liquors to any person designated as an habitual drunkard in the manner mentioned in this Act, subject, nevertheless, to the exception stated in the said second section.

Such persons shall also be liable to the penalty if any member of their families sell liquors to drunkards.

IV. Whenever the parents or guardian of a minor under sixteen years of age, or the master of an apprentice or servant, have been designated by the Municipal authorities aforesaid as habitual drunkards, no tavern keeper, grocer, or other person licensed to sell spirituous liquors, shall sell any such liquors or wines to any such minor, apprentice or servant, without the consent of the Municipal authorities of the city, town, village or township, where such minor, apprentice or servant shall reside ; and every person offending against the provisions of this section, shall incur the penalty prescribed in the second section of this Act, to be re-

Tavern-keepers not to sell liquors to apprentices, minors, &c., whose parents or masters are designated as habitual drunkards.