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CANADA'S NEW ANTI-LOAFER LAW.

AN Order in Council has been passed requiring that "all persons domiciled in Canada shall, in the absence of reasonable grounds to the contrary, engage in useful occupations."

The purpose of the order is to prevent persons capable of useful work from remaining in idleness at a time when the country most urgently requires the services of all human energy available.

The following are the regulations:—

1. Every male person residing in the Dominion of Canada shall be regularly engaged in some useful occupation.
2. In any proceeding hereunder it shall be a defence that the person is,
 - (a) Under sixteen years or over sixty years of age.
 - (b) A bona fide student proceeding with his training for some useful occupation.
 - (c) A bona fide student in actual attendance at some recognized educational institution.
 - (d) Usually employed in some useful occupation and temporarily unemployed owing to differences with his employer common to similar employees with the same employer.
 - (e) Physically unable to comply with the provisions of the law as herein enacted.
 - (f) Unable to obtain without reasonable distance any kind of employment which he is physically able to perform at current wages for similar employment.
3. Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars and costs, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment with hard labour for a period not exceeding six months in any common jail, or in any institution or on any farm owned by a municipality or province and declared by by-law or

Order in Council respectively to be a public institution or farm for the purposes of this law, which said institution or farm for the purpose of this law shall be a common jail.

4. Where the proceedings in any case in which a fine is imposed under the authority hereof are instituted at the instance of any municipality or by any officer of a municipality, the fine shall be paid to the treasurer of such municipality; and where such proceedings are instituted at the instance of or by any provincial officer, such fines shall be paid to the provincial treasurer; and where such proceedings are instituted within a municipality by any other person, the fine shall be paid in equal portions to the treasurer of the municipality and the treasurer of the province; and where the place in which such proceedings are instituted is not within the boundaries of any municipality, the fine shall be paid to the provincial treasurer; and where the proceedings are outside the boundaries of any province, the fine shall be paid to the Receiver General of Canada.
5. Useful occupation and reasonable distance shall be questions of fact to be decided by the Magistrate.
6. The Magistrate may hear and consider other defences than those mentioned in Section two.
7. "Magistrate," shall include Justice of the Peace, and Police Magistrate appointed by Provincial or Dominion authority.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION.

The Dominion Cabinet is considering regulations drafted for the registration of the man power available in Canada for work of war production. It is recommended that registration day be held some time in June, when certificates will be issued to those registering. Heavy penalties may be imposed upon those failing to do so.