

Copies of books or documents to be evidence in certain cases.

VIII. And be it enacted, That whenever any book or other document is of so public a nature as to be admissible in evidence on its mere production from the proper custody, and no Statute exists which renders its contents provable by means of a copy, any copy thereof or extract therefrom shall be admissible in evidence in any Court of Justice, or before any person now or hereafter having by law or by consent of parties, authority to hear, receive and examine evidence, provided it be proven to be an examined copy or extract, or provided it purport to be signed and certified as a true copy or extract by the Officer to whose custody the original is intrusted, and which Officer is hereby required to furnish such certified copy or extract to any person applying at a reasonable time for the same, upon payment of a reasonable sum for the same, not exceeding *four pence* for every five folios or 10 of ninety words each. 5

Officer having charge thereof, to give certified copies.

Punishment of Officers giving false certificates.

IX. And be it enacted, That if any Officer authorized or required by this Act, or by any law or usage now in force in Upper Canada, to furnish any certified copies or extracts, shall wilfully certify any document as being a true copy or extract, knowing that the same is not a true copy or extract, as the case may be, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be liable upon conviction to imprisonment for any term not exceeding *Eighteen* months. 20

Punishment of persons forging documents &c., or using them knowing them to be forged.

X. And be it enacted, That if any person shall forge any seal, stamp or signature of any document in this Act mentioned or referred to, or shall tender in evidence any such document with a false or counterfeit seal, stamp or signature thereto, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, he shall be guilty of felony, and shall upon conviction be liable to imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not exceeding *Ten* years, or to imprisonment in any Gaol or House of Correction with hard labour for any term not exceeding *One* year or less than months. And whenever any such document shall have been admitted in evidence by virtue of this Act, the Court or the person who shall have admitted the same, may, at the request of any party against whom the same is admitted in evidence, direct that the same shall be impounded and be kept in the custody of some Officer of the Court or other proper person, for such period and subject to such conditions as to the said Court or person shall seem meet; and every person who shall be charged with committing any felony under this Act may be dealt with, indicted and tried, and if convicted, sentenced, and his offence may be laid and charged to have been committed in the County or place in which he shall be apprehended or be in custody; and every accessory before or after the fact to any such offence, may be dealt with, indicted and tried, and if convicted, sentenced, and his offence laid to have been committed in any County or place in which the principal offender may be tried. 25 30 35 40 45 50

Document may be impounded on request of party against whom it may have been used.

When offenders may be tried.