

An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

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

1. This Act may be cited as *The Criminal Code Amendment Act, 1903.* Short title.

5 2. *The Criminal Code, 1892,* is amended in the manner set forth in the following schedule :— 1892, c. 29 amended.

SCHEDULE.

By inserting immediately after section 179 the following section :—

10 179A. Every person who, being the owner, lessor, lessee, or manager of a theatre, presents or gives or allows to be presented or given therein any indecent or immoral play, opera, concert, acrobatic, variety, or, vaudeville performance, or other entertainment or representation, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable, if convicted upon indictment, to one year's imprisonment with or without hard labour, or to a fine of five hundred dollars, or to both, and, on summary conviction, to 15 six months' imprisonment, or to a fine of fifty dollars, or to both.

20 2. Every person who takes part or appears as an actor, performer, or assistant in any capacity, in any such indecent or immoral play, opera, concert, performance, or other entertainment or representation, is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to three months' imprisonment, or to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or to both.

25 3. Every person who so takes part or appears in any indecent costume is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to six months' imprisonment, or to a fine of fifty dollars, or to both.

30 4. In this section the word 'theatre' includes any hall, room, or other place open to the public, gratuitously or otherwise, where dramatic, musical, or other entertainments or representations are presented or given.