

An Act for the better preservation of the Peace in the vicinity
of Public Works.

FOR the preservation of the peace, and for the protection of the lives, persons and property of Her Majesty's subjects, in the neighbourhood of public works on which large bodies of labourers are congregated and employed: Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

1. The Governor in Council may, as often as occasion requires, declare by Proclamation that upon and after a day therein named, this Act shall be in force in any place or places in Canada therein designated within the limits or in the vicinity whereof any Railway, Canal or other public work is in progress of construction, or such places as are in the vicinity of any such Canal or Railway or other work as aforesaid, within which he deems it necessary that this Act should be in force,—and this Act shall, upon and after the day to be named in any such Proclamation, take effect within the places designated in such Proclamation :

Proclamation may be issued, declaring this Act to apply to any place or places in Canada.

2. The Governor in Council may, in like manner, from time to time, declare this Act to be no longer in force in any of such place or places ; and may again from time declare the same to be in force therein.

May be revoked and again renewed.

3. But no such Proclamation shall have effect within the limits of any City.

2. Upon and after the day to be fixed for such purpose in such Proclamation, no person employed upon or about any such Canal, Railway or other work as aforesaid, within the place or places in which this Act is then in force, shall keep or have in his possession or under his care or control, within any such, place, any gun or other firearm, or air-gun or any part thereof, or any sword, sword blade, bayonet, pike, pikehead, spear, spearhead, dirk, dagger, or other instrument intended for cutting or stabbing, or any steel or metal knuckles, or other deadly or dangerous weapon, under a penalty of not less than *two dollars*, nor more than *four dollars* for every such weapon found in his possession.

Effect of Proclamation.

3. On or before the day appointed as aforesaid in such Proclamation, every person employed on or about the Canal, Railway or other work to which the same relates, shall bring and deliver up to some Commissioner or Officer to be appointed for the purposes of this Act, every such weapon in his possession, and shall obtain from such Commissioner or Officer a receipt for the same.

Delivery of arms.

4. When this Act ceases to be in force within the place where any weapon has been delivered and detained in pursuance thereof, or when the owner or person lawfully entitled to any such weapon satisfies the Commissioner that he is about to remove immediately from the limits within which this Act is at the time in force, the Commissioner may

Return of the same.