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Penalty for organizing, etc., unlawful courts as to offences by Chinese.

**20.** Every person who takes part in the organization of any sort of court or tribunal composed of Chinese persons, for the hearing and determination of any offence committed by a Chinese person, or in carrying on any such organization, or who takes part in any of its proceedings, or who gives evidence before any such court or tribunal, or assists in carrying into effect any decision, decree, or order of any such court or tribunal, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to both; but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent Chinese persons from submitting any differences or disputes to arbitration, provided such submission is not contrary to the laws in force in the Province in which such submission is made.

Proviso: as to arbitrations.

Penalty for molesting officers.

**21.** Every person who molests, persecutes or hinders any officer or person appointed to carry the provisions of this Act into effect is guilty of an indictable offence, and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to both.

Penalty for other contraventions.

**22.** Every person who violates any provision of this Act for which no special punishment is herein provided, is guilty of an indictable offence, and liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

Before whom suits may be brought.

**23.** All suits or actions for the recovery of taxes or penalties under this Act, and all prosecutions for contraventions of this Act which are not herein declared to be indictable offences, shall be tried before one or more justices of the peace, or before the recorder, police magistrate or stipendary magistrate having jurisdiction where the cause of action arose or where the offence was committed.

Application of taxes, etc.

**24.** All taxes, pecuniary penalties and revenues from other sources under this Act shall be paid into and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada; but one-fourth part of the net proceeds of all such taxes paid by Chinese immigrants shall, at the end of every fiscal year, be paid out of such fund to the Province wherein they were collected.