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An Act to amend the Law relating to Apprentices and Minors.

WHEREAS there is no Statute in force in that Preamble.
part of this Province called Upper Canada, to
provide for binding Apprentices for a less term than
seven years; and whereas it would promote the general
5 interest of society if shorter terms of apprenticeship
were made legal,—Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and
may be lawful for any parent, guardian, or other person
having the care or charge of any minor, not under the
10 age of fourteen years, with the consent of such minor,
to put and bind the same to any Master Mechanic,
Farmer or other person carrying on any trade or calling,
for any term not to extend beyond the minority of such
apprentice. For what term
a minor may be
apprenticed.

15 II. And be it enacted, That any minor over the age of
sixteen years having no parent or legal guardian or who
shall not reside with his parent or guardian, who shall
after the passing of this Act, enter into any engagement
written or verbal to perform any service or work, shall
20 be subject to the same legal provision as if such minor
had been of legal age at the time of making such
agreement. Minors over
16 bound by
any agreement
for service.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act shall extend Extent of Act.
only to Upper Canada.