

(a.) Who, being a guardian, seduces or has illicit connection with his ward; or

(b.) Who seduces or has illicit connection with any woman or girl previously chaste and under the age of twenty-one years who is in his employment in a factory, mill, workshop, [shop or store,] or who, being in a common, but not necessarily similar, employment with him in such factory, mill, workshop, [shop or store,] is, in respect of her employment or work in such factory, mill, workshop, [shop or store,] under or in any way subject to his control or direction, [or receives her wages or salary directly or indirectly from him.]”

NOTE.—The words between square brackets make the only change except that the section has been transposed with the view of making paragraph (b) operative. See Reports of the National Council of the Women of Canada.

By inserting immediately after section 183 the following section.

["**183A.** The burden of proof of previous unchastity on the part of the girl or woman under the three next preceding sections shall be upon the accused.”]

By inserting the following section immediately after section 186:—

["**186A.** The word “guardian” in sections 183 and 186 includes [any person who has in law or in fact the custody or control of the girl or child.”]

NOTE.—Section 183—Seduction of ward. Section 186—Parent or guardian procuring defilement of girl. See Note to section 701A, post.

Section **187**.—By substituting the following therefor:—

“**187.** Every one who, being the owner [or] occupier of any premises, or having, or acting or assisting in the management or control thereof, induces or knowingly suffers any girl of such age as in this section mentioned to resort to or be in or upon such premises for the purpose of being unlawfully and carnally known by any man, whether such carnal knowledge is intended to be with any particular man, or generally, is guilty of an indictable offence and—

(a.) is liable to ten years’ imprisonment if such girl is under the age of 14 years; and

(b.) is liable to two years’ imprisonment if such girl is of or above the age of 14 and under the age of 18 years.”

NOTE.—The Bill as introduced in 1897 substituted 16 for 14, and 21 for 18. The Senate restored the present limits of age, and the only change in the clause as passed is the substitution of “or” for “and.” As the section stands guilty owners would in many cases escape conviction and in other cases, guilty occupants.

Section **189**.—By substituting the following therefor:—

“**189.** Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to four years’ imprisonment who unlawfully and carnally knows, or attempts to have unlawful carnal knowledge of, any female idiot or imbecile, insane or deaf and dumb woman or girl, under circumstances which do not amount to rape but where the offender knew [or had good reason to believe,] at the time of the offence, that the woman or girl was an idiot, or imbecile, or insane or deaf and dumb.”

NOTE.—The only change is the insertion of the words in brackets.