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An Act respecting Gaming in Stocks and Merchandise.

WHEREAS gaming and wagering on the rise and fall in value of stocks and merchandise are detrimental to commercial and public morality, and places affording facilities for such gaming and wagering, commonly called *bucket shops* are being established; and it is expedient to prevent such gaming and wagering, to punish the persons engaged in them, and to prohibit and punish the opening and maintaining of places therefor, and the frequenting thereof: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. Every one who,—

(a) With the intent to make gain or profit by the rise or fall in price of any stock of any incorporated or unincorporated company or undertaking, either in Canada or elsewhere, or of any goods, wares or merchandise, and without the *bonâ fide* intention of acquiring any such shares, goods, wares, or merchandise, or of selling the same, as the case may be, makes or signs, or authorizes to be made or signed, any contract or agreement, oral or written, purporting to be for the sale or purchase of any such shares of stock, goods, wares or merchandise; and every one who acts, aids or abets in the making or signing of any such contract or agreement; or—

Making pretended contracts of sale or purchase of stocks, goods, &c., or abetting the same, a misdemeanor.

(b.) With the intent to make gain or profit by the rise or fall in price of any stock of any incorporated or unincorporated company or undertaking, either in Canada or elsewhere, or of any goods, wares or merchandise, makes or signs, or authorizes to be made or signed, any contract or agreement, oral or written, purporting to be for the sale or purchase of any such shares of stock, goods, wares or merchandise, in respect of which no delivery of the thing sold or purchased is made or received, and without the *bonâ fide* intention to make or receive such delivery; and every one who acts, aids or abets in the making or signing of any such contract or agreement;

Making such contracts without intent to execute, or abetting the same, a misdemeanor.

Is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding five years, and to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars:

Penalty.

2. Every one who habitually frequents any office or place wherein the making or signing, or procuring to be made or

Frequenter of places where such