

take Appren-
tices.

the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, "An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of 5
"Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of
"Canada;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for all corporate bodies, firms or co partnerships, and and for all and every person or persons to take and have an Apprentice or Apprentices: 10
Provided always, such body corporate, firm or co-partnership, person or persons, are engaged in some trade, business, manufacture or mystery, or in agriculture, or some branch thereof, and take and employ and instruct the person taken as apprentice, as such apprentice, during 15
such apprenticeship, in such trade, business, manufacture or mystery, or in agriculture or some branch thereof.

Who may be
bound Ap-
prentices.

II.—And be it enacted, That any person of any age may, subject to the conditions and regulations hereafter mentioned, become and be bound Apprentice to any body 20
corporate, firm or co-partnership, person or persons capable of taking or having an Apprentice or Apprentices.

Apprentice-
ship must be
by Indenture
before two wit-
nesses, and
shall be valid
only for five
years, or during
minority

III.—And be it enacted, That no Apprenticeship shall be valid or of any force or effect whatsoever, unless the same be by Indenture, witnessed by at least two credible 25
witnesses, whose names shall be subscribed as such witnesses thereto, and which Indenture shall contain the terms and conditions of Apprenticeship, and the duration thereof; and if such Apprenticeship be for any longer 30
period than during the minority of such Apprentice, or for the period of five years, if the term of such apprenticeship shall exceed such minority, it shall, so far as regards such excess, but no further, be utterly void, both at law and in equity.

Who may
bind them-
selves as Ap-
prentices.

IV.—And be it enacted, That any person of sane mind 35
above the age of Twenty-one years, shall, with or without the consent of any other person or persons first obtained, have full power and capacity to become and to bind himself Apprentice: Also, any person of sane mind, 40
of the age of sixteen years or more, whose father is dead, and who has no legal guardian willing to act as such, or whose father is not domiciled in the said portion of this Province, and does not provide proper sustenance and support for such minor, shall have the like power of becoming and binding himself apprentice. Also, any person of 45