

An Act to prevent the unlicensed sale of intoxicating liquors in the Unorganized Tracts in this Province.

WHEREAS the duty of one pound sixteen shillings sterling, imposed by the Imperial Statute passed in the fourteenth year of the Reign of King George the Third, and chaptered eighty-eight, on Licences to keep houses or places of public entertainment or for retailing wine or spirituous liquors,—and the penalty imposed by the said Act on persons keeping such house or place of public entertainment or retailing wine or spirituous liquors, without licence,—and the duty imposed by chapter twenty of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, on such licence to sell spirituous liquors to be drunk on the premises,—apply to and are in force in the Unorganized Tracts of Country in this Province, but doubts have arisen as to the mode of collecting the said duties and enforcing the said penalties: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble

1. If any person in any place (in this Province) forming part of any such Unorganized Tract of Country, or not being within the limits of any Municipality, sells by retail any wine or any spirituous liquor of any kind, without having a licence for so doing under this Act, such person shall for each such offence incur a penalty of *twenty-five dollars*, recoverable on summary conviction before any Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, on the oath of one credible witness other than the informer, unless such informer renounces his share of the penalty, in which case he shall be a competent witness, and the whole of the penalty shall then belong to the Crown for the public uses of the Province, otherwise one half the penalty shall belong to the informer and the other half to the Crown for the uses aforesaid:—and if such penalty, with the costs, be not forthwith paid on conviction, the offender may be committed by the convicting Justice to the Common Gaol for any period not exceeding months, unless the penalty and costs be sooner paid.

Penalty on persons selling liquor without licence.

Commitment if not paid.

II. The Governor may cause Tavern Licenses that is, Licenses to keep houses of public entertainment, and to retail wine and spirituous liquors therein, to be drunk on the premises,—and Shop Licenses, that is to say: Licenses to sell wine and spirituous liquors by retail elsewhere than in a house of public entertainment, but not to be drunk on the premises,—to be granted in any unorganized tract of country in this Province, by such persons, on such conditions and under such regulations as he may by Order in Council, from time to time direct, subject to the provisions of this Act.

Governor may cause Licenses to be issued.

III. Each such License shall be in force for one year from its date, and shall authorize the person to whom it is granted to sell wine and spirituous liquors by retail, at some certain place or on board some certain vessel to be named in the License, but not elsewhere, during the said year and no longer.

Duration and effect of Licences.