

claim in detail for such wages or labour is served upon the company not later than three months after payment is due, and that such notice is followed up by the commencement of a suit in any court of competent jurisdiction for the collection thereof, within thirty days after the service of such notice. 5

Service of notice.

5. The notice mentioned in the next preceding section, and any summons, notice, order, or other process required to be served upon the company for the prosecution of such suit, may be served on the president, vice-president, secretary, managing director, superintendant, or engineer, or any recognized officer representing the company, or by leaving it with any adult person at the office or domicile of any of them. 10

Lien on subsidy.

6. Her Majesty may retain the whole or a sufficient portion of any subsidy granted to any company, until all claims mentioned in the fourth section of this Act, for wages or labour, are fully paid or satisfied; and in the event of any claim for wages or labour remaining thirty days unpaid after Her Majesty has received notice thereof, Her Majesty may, on sufficient proof that such claim is due and unpaid, pay it, and all proper costs and charges in connection therewith, out of such subsidy. 15 20

Consolidation of actions.

7. Any number of persons having similar claims for wages or labour against any company, contractor or sub-contractor, may consolidate their claims and institute a joint action for the recovery thereof. 25

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