

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Chief Municipal officers of any town or city, British Consul, Vice Consul etc. All gratuitous contracts made by insolvent within three months preceeding date of demand of assignment, or writ of attachment, are presumed to be fraudulent. Contracts for consideration made by debtor, unable to meet his engagements with others, within 30 days prior to demand of assignment, or writ of attachment, are voidable; subject to protection of the other party to such contracts, who were ignorant of such inability. Fraudulent preference, payments, and transactions, are void. A debtor, purchasing goods on credit, knowing, or having probable cause for believing, himself unable to pay therefor, and concealing such fact from the Vendor, is guilty of fraud, and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, unless the debt and cost be sooner paid. Appeals in Insolvency proceedings are determined in the Court of Error and Appeal.

6. **BILLS AND NOTES.**—Three days grace allowed except when payable on demand a one cent stamp must be affixed where amount of instrument is \$25; two cents over \$25 to \$50; three cents over \$50 to \$100; and three cents for each subsequent \$100 or fractional part thereof. Party receiving an unstamped instrument must, after double stamps at time instrument comes into his possession. Where the instrument carries interest, the interest is to be added to principle, to compute value of stamps required. Bank cheques, Post Office orders, Municipal Debentures, Coupons, Bills and Notes drawn and payable out of Canada, are exempt from stamp duties. Notices of protest, or dishonor, are sufficient given, if addressed to parties liable at place where instrument is dated, though not then place of residence, unless another place is designated under signatures of such parties.
7. **BILLS OF LADING.**—Assignments of bills of lading pass the contract, as well as the property, in the goods mentioned therein to indorsee, without prejudice, however, to the right of stoppage in transitu, or right to claim freight against original shipper or owner.
8. **BILLS OF SALE AND CHATTEL MORTGAGES.**—Sales or mortgages of personalty unaccompanied with an actual, immediate, and continual change of possession are void as against creditors of vendor, or mortgagor and subsequent purchasers or mortgagees in good faith for value, unless the goods are clearly and distinctly described, and the written instrument of sale, or mortgage, or a true copy thereof, be filed within five days from the execution thereof, in the office of the Clerk of the County Court, of the County where vendor or mortgagor resides, at the time of the execution thereof, or, if not resident, then, in the County where the property so sold or mortgaged is at the time of the execution of such instrument, accompanied with affidavits of witness as to proper execution, and of vendor, or mortgagee, showing the consideration and good faith of transaction: Chattel mortgages so filed will cease to be valid against creditors of mortgagor, and against subsequent purchasers or mortgagees in good faith after expiry of one year from original filing, unless a true copy thereof, together with a statement exhibiting mortgagees interest in the property and of the amount due, verified by affidavit of mortgagee, be again filed in the office where original is filed within thirty days prior to the expiry of the year.
9. **COURTS.**—(1) Division Court holds jurisdiction in tort to \$40. In debt, breach of covenant, or contracts, money demand and accounts &c. to \$100 unless balance is of an unsettled account, in the aggregate of over \$400, when County Court holds plea. Cases may be raised to Superior Court on Judges order (2) County Courts, Jurisdiction (1) personal actions and wrongs from \$40 to \$200 (2) debt, covenant, contract, accounts, &c., when liquidated by account or signature of parties \$100 to \$400 with right of appeal to Superior Court (3) Court of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas (Superior Courts) have concurrent jurisdiction in all actions, causes and suits, criminal, civil, real, personal, mixed with right to appeal to Court of Error and Appeal and from thence to Supreme Court. Practice similar to English practice prior to passing of judicature act.
10. **DEEDS.**—The affidavit of execution required for Registry purposes must be administered by anyone of the hereinafter mentioned officials under the following circumstances (1) If made in Ontario before Registrar, or Deputy Registrar of County where to be registered, or a Judge of any Superior Court of Law or Equity, or Judge of County Court, within his County, or Commissioner for taking affidavits, or Justice of the Peace for the County (2) If executed in the Province of Quebec before Judge or Prothonotary of the Superior Courts, or a clerk of the Circuit Court, or a Commissioner authorized to take