

Agents in Europe to take security from emigrants for re-payment of advances.

11. If it be the intention of the Society, or of the applicant, that the whole or part of the money advanced towards defraying the expenses of immigration, shall be repaid by the immigrant, either in one sum or by instalments, it shall be the duty of the Immigration Agent or Sub-agent of the Dominion in Europe 5 making the arrangements for the passage of the intending immigrant to Canada, to take from such immigrant a negotiable instrument binding him or her to repay such money to the Society in Canada in one sum or by instalments, at certain periods, and with interest or without interest, according to the instruction 10 given by the Secretary-Treasurer to the District Immigration Agent, and communicated through the Minister of Agriculture to the Immigration Agent or Sub-agent in Europe, and he shall witness the execution of such instrument; and any such negotiable instrument purporting to be witnessed by such last men- 15 tioned Immigration Agent or Sub-agent shall be received as evidence of the due execution of such instrument for value received, unless the signature or capacity of such witness be disputed, and if such signature or capacity be disputed, the evidence of any Immigration Agent in Canada or officer of the Department 20 of Agriculture that the signature of such witness is genuine, and that he was at the date of the instrument employed in the capacity of Immigration Agent or Sub-agent of the Dominion, shall be conclusive evidence of the due execution of the instrument, for value received, without calling such witness or other 25 proof; and if any sum of money has been advanced to the immigrant for like purposes, by any society, or institution, or individual in the United Kingdom, such sum may, with the consent of such society, institution, or individual, be included in the amount for which such negotiable instrument is given, and may be recovered 30 by the Canadian Society aforesaid, and being so recovered shall be paid over without charge to the society, institution, or individual by whom it was advanced, to whom as well as to the Canadian Society, the Agent or Sub-agent of Immigration witnessing the execution of the instrument shall notify any such 35 amount.

Recovery from immigrant of amount of advances.

12. Any sum due as an instalment upon any such negotiable instrument shall be recoverable, by the Society or any Indorsee thereof, in any way in which a like sum is recoverable in the place where the suit is brought, although the instrument includes 40 a further sum not then due, and it shall always be lawful for any employer of the immigrant to deduct from his or her wages any sum due on any such negotiable instrument and to pay it over to the Society, taking care that the amount so paid be indorsed on the instrument; and any such employer may indorse on the 45 instrument his promise so to pay the amount or any instalment thereof out of the wages of the immigrant or absolutely, and shall then be bound to pay the same accordingly, and if necessary it may be recovered from him in like manner as from the immigrant.

Minors may bind themselves for the repayment of advances.

13. Any such negotiable instrument as aforesaid may be made 50 by any immigrant of either sex, above the age of *fourteen* years in the estimation of the Immigration Agent or Sub-agent by whom it is witnessed, and his signature as witness shall be *prima facie* evidence that the immigrant was at the time of signing such instrument over the said age; if the immigrant making such 55 instrument declare himself or herself unable to write, he or she may make his or her mark instead of signing, and such declaration