

Girls, under the respective ages hereinbefore mentioned, offenders frequently escape by reason of the difficulty of the proof which has been required of the completion of those several crimes—for remedy thereof:

XVII. *Be it enacted*, That it shall not be necessary in any of those cases to prove the actual emission of seed in order to constitute a carnal knowledge, but that the carnal knowledge shall be deemed complete upon proof of penetration only.

What sufficient proof of carnal knowledge in preceding case

XVIII. *And be it enacted*, That where any woman shall have any interest, whether legal or equitable, present or future, absolute, conditional or contingent, in any Real or Personal Estate, or shall be an heiress presumptive, or next of kin to any one having such interest, if any person shall, from motives of lucre, take away or detain such woman against her will, with intent to marry or defile, or cause her to be married or defiled, by any other person, every such offender, and every other person counselling, aiding or abetting, such offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for the term of his natural life, or for any term, not less than one year, as the Court shall award.

Forcible abduction of a woman on account of her fortune

XIX. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall unlawfully take, or cause to be taken, any unmarried girl, being under the age of sixteen years, out of the possession, and against the will, of her Father or Mother, or of any other person, having the lawful care or charge of her, every such offender shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to suffer punishment, by fine or imprisonment, or by both, as the Court shall award.

Unlawful abduction of a girl from her parents

XX. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall maliciously, either by force or fraud, lead or take away, or decoy or entice away, or detain, any child, under the age of ten years, with intent to deprive the parent or parents, or any other person, having the lawful care or charge of such Child, of the possession of such Child, or with intent to steal any article upon or about the person of such Child, to whomsoever such article may belong; or if any person shall, with any such intent as aforesaid, receive or harbour any such Child, knowing the same to have been by force or fraud led, taken, decoyed, enticed away, or detained, as hereinbefore mentioned, every such offender, and every person counselling, aiding or abetting, such offender, shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding seven years; *Provided always*, that no person, who shall have claimed to be the Father of an Illegitimate Child, or to have any right to the possession of such Child, shall be liable to be prosecuted by virtue hereof, on account of his getting possession of such Child, or taking such Child out of the possession of the Mother, or any other person having the lawful charge thereof.

Stealing children under the age of ten years

Proviso

XXI. *And be it enacted*, That if any person, being married, shall marry any other person during the life of the former Husband or Wife, whether the second marriage shall have taken place in this Province or elsewhere, every such offender, and every person counselling, aiding or abetting, such offender, shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding seven years; and any such offence may be dealt with, enquired of, tried, determined and punished, in the County where the offender shall be apprehended, or be in custody, as if the offence had been actually committed in that County; *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any second marriage contracted out of this Province by any other than a subject of Her Majesty, or to any person marrying a second time, whose Husband or Wife shall have been continually absent from such person for the space of seven years then last past, and shall not have been known by such person to be living within that time, or shall extend to any person who, at the time of such second marriage, shall have been divorced from the Bond of the first marriage, or to any person whose former marriage shall have been declared void by the sentence of any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Bigamy

Place of Trial

Proviso

XXII. *And be it enacted*, That where any person shall be convicted of any offence punishable under this Act, for which imprisonment may be awarded, it shall be lawful for the Court to sentence the offender to be imprisoned, or to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour in the Common Gaol, Bridewell, or House of Correction, in the County where such conviction shall take place, or in any Public Penitentiary, Bridewell, or House of Correction, which may hereafter be established in any part of this Province; and also to direct that the offender shall be kept in solitary confinement, for any portion or portions of such imprisonment, or of such imprisonment with hard labor—such solitary confinement not exceeding

Plea and mode of imprisonment