

An Act to amend and extend the Act of 1857, for diminishing the expense and delay in the Administration of Justice in certain cases.

**W**HEREAS the powers of summary conviction given by Act twentieth Victoria, chapter twenty-seven, intituled, *An Act for diminishing expense and delay in the Administration of Justice in certain cases*, have been attended with great benefit, and it is expedient to extend them to certain other cases, and to amend the said Act so as to render its operation more direct and effective : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

- 10 I. The powers for the summary trial and conviction of persons charged with certain offences, vested in the Recorder of any City, by the first section of the said Act, are hereby extended to cases where any person is charged before such Recorder with having committed any of the following offences, that is to say :
- 15 1. With having committed an aggravated assault, by unlawfully and maliciously inflicting upon any other person, either with or without any weapon or instrument, any grievous bodily harm, or by unlawfully and maliciously cutting, stabbing or wounding any other person ; or
- 20 2. With having committed an assault upon any female whatever, or upon any male child whose age shall not in the opinion of such Recorder exceed fourteen years, such assault being of a nature which cannot in the opinion of the Recorder be sufficiently punished by a summary conviction before him under any other Act, and not amounting in his opinion to an assault with intent to commit a rape if such assault be on a female ; or
3. With having assaulted any Magistrate, Bailiff, or Constable or other officer in the lawful performance of his duty, or with intent to prevent the performance thereof ; or
- 30 4. With keeping or being an inmate, or habitual frequenter of any disorderly house, house of ill-fame or bawdy house ;

Preamble.

20 V. c. 27.

Powers of summary conviction under 20 V. c. 27, extended to certain cases.

Aggravated assaults.

Assaults on children or females of any age.

Assaulting officers of justice.

Keeping or frequenting bawdy houses.

Provisions of sect. 1 of 20 V. c. 27 to apply—

And all the provisions of the said first section and of the other enactments of the said Act shall apply to the cases mentioned in this section, in so far as they are applicable to such cases, but subject to the provisions hereinafter made.