

An Act respecting Malicious Injuries to Property.

WHEREAS it is expedient to assimilate, amend and consolidate the Statute Law of the several Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, relating to Malicious Injuries to Property, and to extend the same as so consolidated to all Canada : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :

Injuries by fire to buildings and goods therein.

1. Whosoever unlawfully and maliciously sets fire to any church, chapel, meeting-house, or other place of divine worship, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for life or for any term not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement, and, if a male under the age of sixteen years, with or without whipping.

Setting fire to a church or chapel.

2. Whosoever unlawfully and maliciously sets fire to any dwelling-house, any person being therein, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for life or for any term not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement, and, if a male under the age of sixteen years, with or without whipping.

Setting fire to a dwelling-house, any person being therein.

3. Whosoever unlawfully and maliciously sets fire to any house, stable, coach-house, out-house, warehouse, office, shop, mill, malt-house, hop-oast, barn, storehouse, granary, hovel, shed or fold, or to any farm building, or to any building or erection used in farming land, or in carrying on any trade or manufacture, or any branch thereof, whether the same is then in the possession of the offender, or in the possession of any other person, with the intent thereby to injure or defraud any person, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term not less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement, and, if a male under the age of sixteen years, with or without whipping.

Setting fire to a house, out-house, manufactory, farm building, &c.

4. Whosoever unlawfully and maliciously sets fire to any station, engine-house, warehouse, or other building, belonging or appertaining to any railway, port, dock, or harbour, or to any canal or other navigation, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement, and, if a male under the age of sixteen years, with or without whipping.

Setting fire to any railway station.