

by him in pursuance of this Act, is liable, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months, with or without hard labor, or a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars :

3. No action, prosecution or proceeding against any officer for any act done in pursuance or execution or intended execution of this Act, or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Act, shall lie or be instituted unless it is commenced within twelve months after the act, neglect or default complained of.

Limitation of actions against such officers.

7. Any document drawn up in pursuance of article seven or article ten of the Convention shall be admissible in any proceeding as *prima facie* evidence of the facts or matters therein stated :

Certain documents made evidence.

2. If evidence contained in any such document was taken on oath in the presence of the person charged in such evidence, and such person had an opportunity of cross-examining the person giving such evidence and of making his reply to such evidence, the officer drawing up such document may certify the said facts, or any of them :

Facts which may be certified in such documents.

3. Any document or certificate in this section mentioned purporting to be signed by an officer authorized to act under the Convention for carrying the same into effect, shall be admissible in evidence without proof of such signature, and, if purporting to be signed by any other person, shall, if certified by any such officer to have been so signed, be deemed until the contrary is proved to have been signed by such other person.

Presumption as to signature.

8. If any offence against this Act has been committed by means of a vessel, or of any boat belonging to a vessel, the master of such vessel shall, until some other person is shown to have been in charge of and navigating such vessel or boat, be deemed to have been in charge of and navigating the same, and be liable to be punished accordingly

Master's responsibility for vessel or boat.

9. Every prosecution, suit or action for the recovery or the enforcement of any penalty under this Act, shall be instituted in the name of Her Majesty.

Actions to be brought in name of Crown.

10. The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other provisions existing at common law or under any Act of the Parliament of Canada for the protection of submarine cables; and nothing in this Act shall prevent any person from being liable under any Act of Parliament, or otherwise, to any indictment, proceeding, punishment, or penalty other than is provided for any offence of this Act, so that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence; and nothing in this Act, nor any proceedings with respect to any matter, shall exempt a person from any liability in any action or suit with reference to the same matter, so that no person shall be required to pay compensation twice in respect of the same injury.

Provision as to cumulation of punishments or remedies.