

BILL.

[As passed by the Legislative Council.]

An Act to prevent the carrying of Bowie-knives, Daggers, and other deadly weapons about the person.

WHEREAS the practice of carrying deadly weapons about the person is attended with great danger, and tends to aggravate the consequences of sudden quarrels, and it is therefore expedient to put a stop to it : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. If any person shall, from and after the passing of this Act, carry about his person any Bowie-knive, Dagger or Dirk, or any weapons called or known as Iron Knuckles, Skull-crackers, or Slung Shot, or other offensive weapons of a like character, or any instrument loaded at the end, or shall sell or expose for sale, publicly or privately, any such weapon, he shall be subject, on conviction, to a fine of not less than ten nor more than forty dollars, and in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days, at the discretion of the Court wherein the offence is tried.

2. Any person charged with having committed any offence against the provisions of this Act, may be tried and dealt with in pursuance of the Act twentieth Victoria, chapter twenty-seven, as amended by the Act twenty-second Victoria, chapter twenty-seven.

3. It shall be the duty of the Court or Magistrate before whom any person is convicted under this Act, to impound the weapon for carrying which such person is convicted, and to cause the same to be destroyed.

4. All prosecutions under this Act shall be commenced within one month from the offence charged ; and from any conviction or decision under this Act, an appeal shall lie to the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County in Upper Canada or District in Lower Canada wherein the same takes place, subject in Upper Canada to the provisions of the Act thirteenth and fourteenth Victoria, chapter fifty-four, and in Lower Canada to the provisions of law regulating appeals to the Quarter Sessions generally.

5. This shall be a Public Act.