

An Act to impose certain restrictions on Immigration.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

1. This Act may be known as *The Immigration Restriction Act*, 1899. Short title.

2. This Act shall not apply to—

Exemptions.

(a.) Any person possessed of a certificate in the form set out in the form A in the Schedule to this Act, and signed by the High Commissioner for Canada, the Minister of the Interior, or any officer appointed for the purposes of this Act, whether in or out of Canada ;

(b.) Any person of a class for whose immigration into Canada provision is made by law, or by a scheme approved by the Government ;

(c.) Any person specially exempted from the operation of this Act by a writing under the hand of the Minister of the Interior ;

(d.) Her Majesty's land and naval forces ;

(e.) The officers and crew of any ship of war of any government ;

(f.) The members of the diplomatic corps or other representatives of any government, their suite, and their servants, and consuls and consular agents ;

3. The immigration into Canada, by land or sea, of any of the following persons, hereinafter called "prohibited immigrants" is prohibited, namely :— Prohibited immigrants.

(a.) Any person who, when asked to do so by an officer appointed under this Act, refuses, or fails, to write out and sign, in the characters of any language of Europe, an application to the Minister of Agriculture in the form A in the Schedule to this Act ; Illiterate persons.

(b.) Any person who is a pauper, or is likely to become a public charge ; Paupers.

(c.) Any idiot or insane person ; Idiots.

(d.) Any person suffering from a loathsome or a dangerous contagious disease ; Diseased persons.

(e.) Any person who, not having received a free pardon, has within two years been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude, and not a mere political offence ; Convicts.

(f.) Any prostitute, and any person living on the prostitution of others. Prostitutes, etc.