

And all contracts made by any workmen, mechanic, or any person performing manual labor to waive the application of this Act are void. This, however, does not apply to managers and foremen receiving more than \$3.00 per day.

515 Statement of Claim. The statement of claim must be in writing and verified by affidavit, and then filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the District in which the labor was performed.

In cases where the timber or logs got out are run down the streams into the Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, Lake Superior, Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake, Rainy River or Nipigon River the claim may either be filed in the office of the District Court where the labor was performed, or in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the District where the drive terminates or reaches the waters of said lakes and bays. For the District of Muskoka the statement of lien would be filed at Bracebridge, for Haliburton with the clerk of the County Court of the County Victoria, for Manitoulin filed in office of the deputy clerk of the District Court at Gore Bay.

Any number of lien holders may join in proceedings, or may assign their claims to other persons. Only one claim might be filed, but such claim must include particular statements of the several claims with affidavit of each claimant, or several claims may be filed and only one attachment be issued on behalf of all the persons so joining.

516 When Lien should be Filed. In cases of a contractor cutting or taking out logs or timber for export under a license of the Crown the claim must be filed on or before September 1st next following the performance of the labor.

In all other cases if the labor is performed between October 1st and April 1st next thereafter the statement must be filed not later than the 20th of April. For labor performed after April 1st and before October 1st the claim must be filed within twenty days after the last day of such service.

The lien expires unless suit to enforce it is commenced within thirty days after filing the statement, or thirty days after the expiry of the time of credit, if credit be given.

517 Court to Enforce Lien. A lien to the amount of \$200 may be enforced by suit in the Division Court, and if over \$200, then in the proper District Court where the statement of lien is filed.

If no dispute note is filed within 14 days after service of the writ judgment may be given by default.

In cases where the logs or timber are about to be removed from the Province, or the person indebted for the amount is about to abscond from the Province, or the logs are about to be sawn with other timber, so that the same could not be identified, the lien holder may, if the claim is not less than \$10, have attachment issued immediately against such logs or timber. If claim is not over \$200, the writ would issue from the Division Court, but if over \$200, then from the District Court. Unlawful or malicious detention of logs or timber would incur a liability for whatever loss or damage was occasioned through such proceedings.