

An Act to amend the Criminal Law, as regards the uttering of certain spurious Foreign Coin.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to prevent the making, importing and uttering of spurious foreign silver coin in this Province : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. Any person who shall color or case over with silver, or with any wash or materials producing the color of silver, any coin of coarse silver or of base metal, resembling any coin made, coined, or struck by or under the authority of any foreign prince or state, and then actually current in the dominions or country of such prince or state, although not current by law in this Province, or who shall make, or cause to be made, or buy, sell or procure, or knowingly bring or import into this Province any forged, false or counterfeit coin resembling any such foreign silver coin as aforesaid, or any coin of coarse silver or base metal colored or cased over with silver or with any wash or materials producing the color of silver, and resembling any such foreign silver coin as aforesaid, or who shall offer, utter, tender, or put off as being any such foreign silver coin as aforesaid, any forged, false, or counterfeit piece or coin counterfeited to, and resembling any such foreign silver coin as aforesaid, knowing the same to be forged, false or counterfeit, shall for the first offence be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the second or any subsequent offence, shall be deemed guilty of felony.

Counterfeiting, uttering, &c., spurious foreign coin, to be punishable tho' such coin be not current in this Province.

Legal character of the offence.

II. Any person who shall form, cast, make, cut, sink, stamp or engrave, repair or mend any die, press, mould, material, tool, instrument or machine, metal, or material of any kind, used, constructed, devised, adapted or designed for the purpose of counterfeiting or imitating any foreign silver coin described in this Act, shall, for the first offence, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the second or any subsequent offence shall be deemed guilty of felony.

Punishment for making tools, &c., for making such spurious coin.

III. Any person who shall knowingly and except for some known and lawful purpose have in his possession or custody, any forged, false, or counterfeited piece or coin, counterfeited to resemble any foreign silver coin described in this Act, or any die, press, mould, material, tool or instrument or machine, metal or material of any kind used, constructed, devised, adapted or designed for the purpose of imitating any foreign silver coin described in this Act, shall for the first offence be

Or for having such tool, &c., in possession, except for a lawful purpose.