

BILL.

An Act to prohibit the payment to Mechanics and others in certain Cities of Upper Canada of Wages in Goods or by way of Truck.

WHEREAS it is necessary to prohibit the payment in certain Trades of Wages in Goods, or otherwise than in the Current Coin of this Province within the Cities of Toronto & Hamilton; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

5 That in all Contracts hereafter to be made for the hiring of any artificer in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated, or for the performance by any artificer of any labor in any of the said trades, the wages of such artificer shall be made payable in the current coin aforesaid, and that if in any such contract, the whole or any part of such wages shall be made payable in any manner other than in the current coin aforesaid, such contract shall be and is hereby declared illegal, null and void.

Contracts for hiring of artificers to be made in current coin.

15 II. And be it enacted, That if in any contract hereafter to be made between any artificer in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated, and his employer, any provision shall be made directly or indirectly respecting the place where, or the manner in which, or the person or persons with whom, the whole or any part of the wages due or to become due to any such artificer shall be laid out or expended, such contract shall be and is hereby declared illegal, null and void.

Or contract to be void.

20 III. And be it enacted, That the entire amount of the wages earned by or payable to any artificer, in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated, in respect of any labor by him done in any such trade, shall be actually paid to such artificer in the current coin of this Province, and not otherwise, and every payment made to any such artificer by his employer, of or in respect of any such wages by the delivering to him of goods or otherwise than in the current coin aforesaid, except as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and is hereby declared illegal, null and void.

Wages to be paid to workmen in coin.

30 IV. And be it enacted, That every artificer in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated shall be entitled to recover from his employer in any such trade in the manner by law provided for the recovery of servants' wages, or by any other lawful ways and means, the whole or so much of the wages earned by such artificer in such trade as shall not have been actually paid to him by such his employer, in the current money of this Province.

Artificers may recover wages, if not paid in coin.

35 V. And be it enacted, That in any action, suit, or other proceeding to be hereafter brought or commenced by any such artificer as aforesaid

No set-off allowed in actions for