

Felony.

Punishment.

Abduction of
girls under 16.Misdemeanor.
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guilty of felony, and shall respectively be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for any term not less than two years, or be imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement for any term less than two years. 4, 5 V. c. 27, s. 19.

20. ABDUCTION OF FEMALES UNDER 16.

26. Any person who unlawfully takes or causes to be taken, any unmarried girl being under the age of sixteen years, out of the possession and against the will of her father or mother, or of any other person having the lawful care or charge of her, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, or by both, as the Court shall award. 4, 5 V. c. 27, s. 20.

21. MALICIOUSLY DECOYING CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE.

Decoying child-
ren under ten
years of age
with intent to
steal wearing
apparel—aiding
or abetting.

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Exception.

27. Any person who maliciously, either by force or fraud, leads or takes away, or decoys, or entices away or detains, any child under the age of ten years with intent to deprive the parent or parents, or any other person having the lawful care or charge of such child, of the possession of such child, or with intent to steal any article upon or about the person of such child to whomsoever such article may belong; and any person who, with any such intent, receives or harbours any such child, knowing the same to have been by force or fraud, led, taken, decoyed, enticed away or detained as hereinbefore mentioned, and any person who counsels, aids or abets any such offender, shall respectively be guilty of felony, and shall be imprisoned at hard labour in the Penitentiary for any term not less than two years, or be imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement, for any term less than two years. 4, 5 V. c. 27, s. 21.

28. No person who claims to be the father of an illegitimate child, or to have any right to the possession of such child, shall be liable to be prosecuted by virtue of the last section, on account of his getting possession of such child, or taking such child out of the possession of the mother, or any other person having the lawful charge thereof. 4, 5 V. c. 27, s. 21.

22. BIGAMY.

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29. Any person who, being married, marries any other person during the life of the former husband or wife, whether the second marriage takes place in this Province or elsewhere, and every person who counsels, aids, or abets such offender, shall respectively be guilty of felony; and shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for any term not less than two years, or be imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement for any term less than two years. 4, 5 V. c. 27, s. 22.