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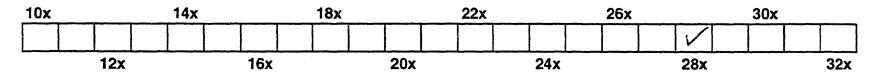
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An.Act to amend the Criminal Law, as regards the uttering of certain spurious Foreign Coin.

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

THEREAS it is expedient to prevent the making, import- Preamble. ing 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. 5 enacts as follows:

I. Any person who shall color or case over with silver, or Counterfeitwith any wash or materials producing the color of silver, any ing, uttering, coin of coarse silver or of base metal, resembling any coin foreign coin, foreign coin, made, coined, or struck by or under the authority of any foreign to be punish-10 prince or state, and then actually current in the dominions or able the' such country of such prince or state, although not current by law in coin be not current in this this Province, or who shall make, or cause to be made, or buy, Province. sell or procure, or knowingly bring or import into this Province any forged, false or counterfeit coin resembling any such foreign 15 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 afore-20 said, 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 Legal characfirst offence be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the ter of the second or any subsequent offence, shall be deemed guilty of offence. 25 felony.

II. Any person who shall form, cast, make, cut, sink, stamp Punishment or engrave, repair or mend any die, press, mould, material, for making tool, instrument or machine, metal, or material of any kind, making such used, constructed, devised, adapted or designed for the purpose spurious coin. 30 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.

III. Any person who shall knowingly and except for some Or for having 35 known and lawful purpose have in his possession or custody, such tool, &c., any forged, false, or counterfeited piece or coin, counterfeited except for a to resemble any foreign silver coin described in this Act, or lawful purany die, press, mould, material, tool or instrument or machine, pose. metal or material of any kind used, constructed, devised, 40 adapted or designed for the purpose of 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 offences against this Act. IV. Any person who shall be convicted of having committed any misdemeanor under this Act, shall, at the discretion of the Court before which the conviction shall be had, be imprisoned 5 in any Common Gaol, with or without hard labour, for any term under two years, or shall be imprisoned and kept at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not less than two or more than seven years; And upon conviction for a second or any subsequent offence under this Act as aforesaid, 10 such person shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall be imprisoned and kept at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not less than two nor more than fourteen years, in the discretion of the Court before which the conviction shall he had.