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An Act for the protection of Canadian working men and farmers going to foreign countries.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:— Preamble.

1. It shall not be lawful for any person whomsoever in Canada to engage working men or persons residing there to go and work in any manner whatsoever in foreign countries, unless he shall have first obtained permission, in writing, from the Mayor or Reeve of the locality. Permission to engage men to go to foreign countries.
2. It shall not be lawful for the Mayor or Reeve of any locality to grant such permission unless the person who is desirous of effecting such engagements has deposited in the hands of the Sheriff of the District a sum of not less than five thousand dollars as security for the execution of the conditions of the engagement, and the observance of the provisions of this Act; such deposit to be increased by the amount of One hundred dollars for each person sought to be engaged. Security to be lodged.
3. The person desirous of effecting such engagements shall, before obtaining such permission, be bound to deposit with the Mayor or Reeve a declaration setting forth the object of such engagement, and the nature of the works for which workmen are required, and the number of persons or workmen required. Declaration of object of engagement.
4. The amount deposited as aforesaid, shall be held to secure the faithful execution, in accordance with the declaration filed as hereinbefore required, of the agreement entered into with the persons so engaged, of which the agent so effecting the engagement, shall furnish a copy duly executed to the Mayor or Reeve. Such agreement may also be executed before the Mayor or Reeve in the presence of the parties, according to the form annexed to this Act. Deposit to be held to secure fulfilment of agreement.
5. In the event of the person or agent making such engagement failing to provide such copies of agreement, the moneys deposited may be forfeited. Copy of agreement.
6. The money deposited in accordance with the provisions of this Act, cannot be withdrawn before the expiration of three years, and then only on the certificate of the Mayor or Reeve of the locality or localities in the District in which the engagements have been effected, that no complaint has been lodged with the Mayor or Reeve of the locality, and if any complaint has been so lodged, the amount deposited cannot be claimed by the party who shall have made the deposit until he shall have settled with the complainant or have caused their complaints to be discussed by a competent tribunal. Money not to be withdrawn for three years.

Penalty on failure to comply with provisions of this Act.

7: Any person contravening the provisions of this Act, and engaging persons to go to foreign countries without having complied with the formalities above prescribed, shall be liable to a fine of \$200 for each person whom he shall have engaged, of which said fine one moiety shall belong to the informer, and the other moiety to the Crown; the offender may, moreover, be condemned to imprisonment for a period not exceeding *six months*, and any person who shall give any public notice, with the view of effecting engagements as above mentioned, without having obtained permission from the Mayor or Reeve, as hereinbefore required, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding dollars for every such notice.

Foreign enlistment.

8. Nothing in this Act shall alter or affect the laws now in force respecting military enlistments for foreign countries.

SCHEDULE.

City Town, County, Village, &c. }
of Canada.

Before me, A. B., Mayor (or Reeve) of _____ appeared C. D., residing at _____ in _____ who acknowledged to have engaged E. F., farmer or day laborer of _____ to work at [*here state the nature of the work or labor for which the engagement is made*] in consideration of the sum of _____ the said engagement is made for the term of _____ to all which the said E. F. here present, agrees.

In testimony whereof the parties have signed, or have declared they are unable to sign.

(Signed),

C. D.
E. F.
A. B.