

CHAPTER 60.

An Act respecting Criminal Statistics.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression " Judge " includes any Recorder, District, Stipendiary or other Magistrate or other functionary presiding over any court or tribunal administering criminal justice.

39 V., 13, s. 9.

2. The clerk, and if there is no clerk, the officer performing like duties, and if there is no such officer, the judge of every court administering criminal justice, and the warden of every penitentiary or reformatory, and the sheriff of every district, shall, before the end of October in each year, fill up and transmit to the Minister of Agriculture, -- or in case the branch of the subject of statistics and the registration thereof to which this Act relates is, by the Governor in Council, assigned to any other Minister, then to such other Minister, such schedules for the year ending the thirtieth day of September preceding, relative, in the case of the clerk, officer or judge, to the criminal business transacted in the court, and in the cases of the warden or sheriff, to the prisoners committed to the penitentiary, reformatory or gaol, as he receives, from time to time, from the said Minister.

39 V., C. 13, 8. 1.

3. Every person required to transmit any such schedules, shall, from day to day, make and keep entries and records of the particulars to be comprised in such schedules.

39 V., c. 13, s. 3.

4. The Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as aforesaid, shall cause to be paid out of any moneys which are provided by Parliament for that purpose, to any clerk, officer, warden of a reformatory or sheriff, filling up and transmitting such schedules, the sum of one dollar, -- and the further sum of five cents for each case comprised in such schedules.

39 V., c. 18, s. 4, part.

5. Every officer required by the "*Act respecting summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace,*" to transmit to the Minister

of Finance and Receiver General true copies of returns made by justices of the peace under the said Act, shall, before the end of October in each year, transmit to the Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as aforesaid, true copies of all such returns for the year ending the thirtieth day of September next preceding.

39 V., c. 13, s. 2.

6. The Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as, aforesaid, shall cause to be paid out of any moneys which are provided by Parliament for that purpose, to any officer transmitting, the returns required under the next preceding section of this Act, the sum of one dollar.

39 V., c. 13, s. 4, part.

7. Whenever in any Province a system of collecting statistics relative to the prisoners committed to the provincial goals or reformatories is established, the Governor in Council may arrange with the Lieutenant Governor in Council of such Province for the collection and transmission through such Lieutenant Governor of any part of the information to be embraced in the schedules authorized under this Act; and in case of such arrangements, the Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as aforesaid, may cause to be paid out of any moneys which are provided by Parliament for that purpose, to the treasurer of such Province instead of to the sheriffs, wardens or other officers as aforesaid, such sum as is agreed on, not exceeding the amounts which would otherwise be payable, for like services, to the sheriffs, wardens or other officers as aforesaid.

39 V., c.13, s. 4, part.

8. Every one who neglects or refuses to fill up and transmit any schedule or to transmit any return required under this Act, or wilfully makes a false, partial or incorrect schedule or return, shall incur a penalty of eighty dollars, recoverable, with costs, by any person who sues for the same in any court of record in the Province in which such return should have been made or is made, or in the Exchequer Court of Canada, -- a moiety whereof shall be paid to the person suing, and the other moiety to the Minister of Finance and Receiver General, to and for the public uses of Canada.

39 V., c. 13, s. 5.

9. The Secretary of State shall, before the end of October in each year, cause to be filled up and transmitted to the Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as aforesaid, such schedules for the year ending the thirtieth day of September next preceding relative to the cases in which the prerogative of mercy has been exercised, as he, from time to time,

receives from the Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as aforesaid.

39 V., c. 13, s. 6.

10. All schedules transmitted under this Act shall be according to forms, from time to time, approved by the Governor in Council, and published in the Canada Gazette.

39 V., c. 13, s. 7.

11. The statistics collected by the Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as aforesaid, under this Act, shall be abstracted and registered, and the results thereof shall be printed and published in an annual report.

39 V., c. 13, s. 8.

12. This Act shall remain in force and effect until the same is declared to be no longer in force by a proclamation of the Governor in Council, stating that provision has been made for the collection of criminal statistics in accordance with the requirements of the "Act respecting Statistics," and from and after the issue of such proclamation, this Act shall cease to have force and effect.

42 V., c. 21, s. 39, part.
