



CHAPTER 30

An Act to assure reasonable wages for workmen engaged in forest operations

[Assented to, the 20th of May, 1937]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly
of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The words "forest operations" in this act include "Forest
the cutting of timber, the removal thereof from the fo-operations".
rest, rafting and floating it and any other work connect-
ed with such operations.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, on Making of
the recommendation of the Minister of Lands and regulations
Forests, make regulations to establish and assure mini- re minimum
mum wages and reasonable working conditions for wages, etc.,
every class of employees engaged in forest operations, for forest
whether the timber comes from Crown lands or from employees.
privately owned lands.

3. Every person who has worked in forest operations Claiming of
shall be entitled, notwithstanding any agreement pro- certain
viding for a lesser remuneration than the minimum difference in
wages fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, wages.
to claim from his employer the difference between such
remuneration and such minimum wage.

His claim shall be deemed a summary matter and be Exercising,
exercised by an ordinary action before the court of etc., of
competent jurisdiction. claim.

The privilege enacted in article 1994c of the Civil Privilege,
Code shall extend to the claim contemplated in the first etc., of em-
ployee.

paragraph of this section, and the employee may, for the recovery of his claim, exercise all the recourses mentioned in articles 955 and 956 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Conditions
to be taken
into account.

4. In exercising the powers conferred upon him by this act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall, in fixing the wages and working conditions, take into account the particular position of farmers, settlers and small industrialists who carry on forest operations, and he may in such cases enact working conditions and wages differing from those which he fixes for other classes of employers.

Offence and
penalty.

5. Every employer infringing any provision of a regulation respecting working conditions, adopted in virtue of section 2, commits an offence and is liable for the first offence to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and costs, and, upon failure to pay the fine and the costs, to an imprisonment of not less than one month nor more than three months, and for any subsequent offence to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars and, upon failure to pay the fine and the costs, to an imprisonment of not less than two months nor more than six months.

Coming into
force.

6. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.