



CHAPTER 40

An Act respecting the limiting of working hours

[Assented to, the 13th of April, 1933]

WHEREAS the economic crisis throughout Canada and Preamble.
in this Province is depriving a great many workmen of
work and obliges the State to come to their assistance to
meet their needs and those of their families;

Whereas serious economic and social troubles result
therefrom; and

Whereas a better distribution of labour would tend to
relieve this situation by affording to a greater number of
workmen, who ask no more than to work, an opportunity
to do so;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of
the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of
Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may order the Limitation
number of hours, per week or per day, during which a of hours of
workman (*operarius*), employed in manual labour, may certain
work. workmen.

2. Such limitation of working hours shall be for such Regions,
regions of the Province, such kinds of industry and works, etc., where
such categories of workmen and for such times and lengths same
of time, as may be determined by the order or orders-in- applicable.
council, but shall not apply to the agricultural industry. Exemption.

3. No limitation of working hours shall be decreed for Restriction.
industries or works which are subject to the competition of
other countries or other provinces.

Limiting of
limitation.

4. In no case shall the limit of working hours be less than six hours per day or thirty-three hours per week, so that, as far as possible, work may be assured for two or more crews of workmen employed at the same work.

Consulta-
tion prior to
limitation.

5. Before decreeing the limitation of working hours, the employers' or workmen's associations, if any, must be consulted.

Permitting
of deroga-
tion.

6. The order-in-council limiting working hours may permit of any derogation for preparatory, complementary or urgent work, deemed necessary.

Offences and
penalties.

7. Every person, corporation or partnership, who or which permits a workman in his or its employ to whom an order-in-council enacted under section 1 applies to contravene any provision of such order-in-council, commits an offence against this act and shall be liable, in addition to the costs, to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

Coming into
force, etc.

8. This act shall come into force on such date as it may please the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fix by proclamation, and may be repealed in the same manner.