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## CHAPTER 159

## The Ginseng Act

1. Except for the purpose of clearing or bringing land into cultivation no person shall, between the 1st day of January and the 1st day of September in any year, cut, root-up, gather or destroy the plant known as ginseng growing in a wild or uncultivated state. R.S.O. 1937, c. 347, s. 1. Destruction of ginseng prohibited.

2. No person shall purchase ginseng knowing the same to have been cut, rooted-up, or gathered between the 1st day of January and the 1st day of September in any year. R.S.O. 1937, c. 347, s. 2. Purchasing with knowledge of illegal gathering.

3.—(1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$5 and not more than \$20. Penalty and recovery.

(2) One-half of the penalty shall be paid to the prosecutor unless otherwise ordered by the convicting justice. R.S.O. 1937, c. 347, s. 3. Application of penalty.

4. Evidence of the purchase or sale of ginseng between the 1st day of January and the 1st day of September shall be *prima facie* proof of a contravention of this Act. R.S.O. 1937, c. 347, s. 4. Proof of purchase or sale.

5. In any prosecution for a contravention of section 2 evidence that the ginseng purchased has been illegally obtained by the vendor shall be *prima facie* proof of a contravention of this Act by the purchaser. R.S.O. 1937, c. 347, s. 5. Proof of illegal gathering.

