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CHAPTER 288.

The Offensive Weapons Act.

Sale of certain weapons to unauthorized persons prohibited.

1. Every person who exposes for sale, offers for sale or sells any bowie-knife, dirk, dagger, stiletto, metal knuckles, skull cracker or slung shot, or who sells a revolver, pistol or air gun to any person other than one holding a certificate issued under section 118 of *The Criminal Code*, or one, being over 18 years of age, who produces to and leaves with the vendor a permit in writing, signed by the Commissioner of Provincial Police, or a chief constable of a city or town, allowing him to purchase a revolver, pistol or air gun, shall incur a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200, and upon conviction may also be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months; and the bowie-knife, dirk, dagger, stiletto, metal knuckles, skull cracker or slung shot, revolver, pistol or air-gun so exposed or offered for sale, or sold by such person, shall be confiscated by the police magistrate or justice and transferred to the Commissioner of Provincial Police or destroyed as such magistrate or justice may see fit. R.S.O. 1914, c. 239, s. 2.

Penalty.

Record of sales.

2.—(1) Every person who sells a revolver, pistol or air gun under the provisions of section 1 without keeping a record of the date of the sale, name of maker, serial number of such revolver, pistol or air gun, and the name, address and occupation of the purchaser, or who sells or exposes or offers for sale any revolver or pistol which does not bear a serial number and the maker's name shall incur a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200, and upon conviction may also be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months; and the revolver, pistol or air gun so exposed or offered for sale, or sold by such person, shall be confiscated by the police magistrate or justice and transferred to the Commissioner of Provincial Police, or destroyed as such magistrate or justice may see fit.

Inspection.

(2) The record referred to in subsection 1 may be inspected at any time by any peace officer and a copy thereof shall be transmitted by the person making the sale to the Commissioner of Provincial Police within seven days after the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December in each year, and in default the person making the sale shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$50. R.S.O. 1914, c. 239, s. 3.

3. Every peace officer may search any person whom he has reason to believe and does believe is violating any of the provisions of sections 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, 123, 124, and 127 of *The Criminal Code*, and may seize any of the weapons which such person is illegally carrying, and any weapon seized under this section shall be confiscated and handed over to the Commissioner of Provincial Police or to the chief or high constable of the municipality to be by him transferred to the Commissioner of Provincial Police or destroyed as he may see fit. R.S.O. 1914, c. 239, s. 4.

Search of
person and
seizure.

4. If any of the weapons mentioned in section 1 are found upon a person believed not to be a native of Canada by the constable making the search or by the justice of the peace or magistrate before whom such person is charged with an offence, he shall report such facts to the Provincial Secretary and the Provincial Secretary may communicate with the Minister of the Interior with the view to the deporting of such person under *The Immigration Act*. R.S.O. 1914, c. 239, s. 5.

Finding
weapons
on for-
eigners.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such regulations as shall be deemed necessary or convenient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act. R.S.O. 1914, c. 239, s. 6.

Regulations.

6. *The Summary Convictions Act* shall apply to prosecutions under this Act. R.S.O. 1914, c. 239, s. 7.

Applica-
tion of
Rev. Stat.
c. 121.