

EXTRADITION TREATIES.

Extradition proceedings in Canada are governed by "The Extradition Act," chapter 142 Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886.

This Act applies to any foreign state with which there is an extradition arrangement, but so as not to contravene such arrangement.

If the Imperial Extradition Act of 1870 is made subject to any limitation by such arrangement, this Act shall be subject to the same limitation.

Judges of the Superior and County Courts, and commissioners appointed for the purpose, have power to act.

A warrant being issued for the fugitive, the judge is to receive evidence, as to the charges and as to whether the offence is not an extraditable crime or of a political character, for which he cannot be surrendered. After committal, the fugitive may be surrendered after fifteen days.

In case of the extradition of a Canadian fugitive by a foreign State, he cannot be prosecuted or punished for any prior offence not of a nature included in the extradition arrangements with the State in question.

The extradition crimes contained in a schedule to the Act are: Murder, or attempts and manslaughter; counterfeiting and forging, larceny, embezzlement, obtaining value under false pretenses, crimes against bankruptcy, or insolvency law, criminal frauds by agents, trustees, &c.; rape, abduction, child-stealing, kidnapping, false imprisonment, burglary, arson, robbery, threats to extort, perjury and subornation; piracy and various other crimes at sea. Criminal accessories are included.

The Imperial authorities, by Order in Council, exempt Canada from the operation of the Imperial Extradition Acts of 1870 and 1873, so long as the Canadian Extradition Act remains in force.

The following are the countries with which the United Kingdom has extradition arrangements which apply to Canada:—

Argentine Republic.....	May 22,	1889
Austria Hungary.....	Dec. 3,	1873
".....	June 26,	1901
Belgium.....	May 20,	1876
".....	July 23,	1877
".....	April 21,	1887
".....	Mar. 6,	1902
Bolivia.....	Nov. 4,	1898
Brazil.....	Nov. 13,	1872
Chile.....	Aug. 22,	1898
Colombia.....	Oct. 27,	1888
Denmark.....	Mar. 31,	1873
*Equador.....	Sept. 20,	1880
France.....	Aug. 14,	1876
Germany.....	May 14,	1872
Guatemala.....	July 4,	1885
Hayti.....	Dec. 7,	1874
Italy.....	Feb. 5,	1873
".....	May 7,	1873
Liberia.....	Dec. 16,	1892
Luxemburg.....	Nov. 24,	1880
Mexico.....	Sept. 7,	1886
Monaco.....	Dec. 17,	1891
Netherlands (India only).....	June 19,	1874
Orange Free State.....	" 20,	1890
Portugal.....	Nov. 30,	1892

* Ratifications exchanged, 19th February, 1886.