

ents of Fish-
eries ;

And of over-
seers of Fish-
eries.

Lower Canada, whose powers and duties shall be defined by this Act and the regulations to be made under it ; but any appointment made under the fourth section of the Act twentieth Victoria chapter twenty-one, shall remain valid as if made under this Act. Four Overseers may be appointed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in such places, and in such divisions of territory, as may be considered necessary, to perform such duties under this Act, and the regulations to be made under it, as may be required by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and the salary of such overseers shall not exceed one hundred pounds per annum.

Rights of
Fishermen.

6. All subjects of Her Majesty, but none other, may, for the purposes of trade and commerce---

Taking bait
and fishing.

1. Take bait and fish in any of the harbours, roadsteads, bays, creeks or rivers of the Province ;

Landing and
curing fish.

2. Land any where on public property for the purpose of salting, curing and drying fish ;

Cutting wood.

3. Cut wood there for the purpose of repairing stages, drying places, flakes, hurdles, cook-rooms and other purposes necessary or useful for preparing or dealing with fish ;

Occupying
beaches.

4. Take possession of any unoccupied portion of the beach which may be necessary for curing fish, and hold the same so long as the same shall not have been abandoned during twelve consecutive months ;

Recovering
value of
stages, &c.

5. Any such subject having so occupied any such portion of the beach may, during the year next after he shall have been twelve months without occupying it, demand personally or by his Attorney the value of his flakes and stages and other property, of which a new occupant shall have taken possession ; and

Carrying
away improve-
ments, &c.

6. Carry away his buildings and improvements, after the close of the fishing season, after having so demanded the value thereof, if he shall not have received the same from the new occupant.

Sect. 6 not to
affect private
property, &c.

7. But nothing contained in the sixth section, shall affect private property or prevent the Crown from disposing or taking possession of any public land or beach so occupied for fishing purposes.

Waters may
be set apart
for propaga-
tion of fish.

8. The Governor in Council may cause to be set apart any river or other water for the natural or artificial propagation of Salmon, Trout, or other fish.