

vessels, boats, scows, or other craft and rafts navigating the said stream, and shall be of the uniform height of not less than fifteen feet at such opening above the ordinary level of the water in the said stream.

Penalty on persons destroying or injuring such bridges.

II. Any person or persons whosoever who shall, after the passing of a By-law or By-laws as mentioned in the preceding section of this Act, with a vessel, boat, scow, or other craft or raft, or by any other means howsoever, destroy, remove, or damage, or break, cut, or alter any bridge or bridges, or any part thereof, or of the approach or approaches thereto, named and declared in such By-law or By-laws to be a public bridge, shall be liable to a penalty equal to the value of such bridge or bridges at the time the same may have been so destroyed or removed, or equal to the amount of damage done to such bridge or bridges, as the case may be, and to a further penalty not exceeding the sum of *twenty dollars*, together with the costs of suit, to be recovered in the summary way hereinafter provided.

Summary proceedings against persons destroying or injuring such bridges.

III. When any such bridge or bridges shall be destroyed, removed, or damaged, broken, cut, or altered, in the manner hereinbefore mentioned, it shall be lawful for any person or persons to make information and complaint thereof before some Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in either of the said Counties of Lincoln or Welland, upon oath, setting forth the facts, in so far as they have come to his or their knowledge, and thereupon such Justice shall issue a summons against the person or persons named or described in such information and complaint, requiring him or them to appear at a time and place to be mentioned therein, to answer to such information and complaint before such Justice and such other Justice or Justices as may then be assembled to hear the same; or if the said Justice shall see fit, he may issue his warrant in the first instance to apprehend such person or persons in the like manner and with like effect as a Justice of the Peace, may issue a warrant with respect to cases of summary convictions or orders generally, and may also at the time of issuing such summons or warrant, issue a warrant in the nature of an attachment under his hand and seal in the form of the schedule to this Act annexed marked A, directed to some constable or other Peace Officer within his jurisdiction, commanding him to levy upon, detain, and safely keep, any such vessel, boat, scow, or other craft, which may have been in the charge or custody of the person or persons named or described in such information and complaint at the time the offence or offences shall be therein alleged to have been committed; and upon receiving such warrant it shall be lawful for such constable or other officer to seize and detain such vessel, boat, scow, or other craft, and the cargo therein, or raft, until the hearing of such information and complaint shall be concluded and an order be made by the Justices hearing the same in relation thereto: Provided always, that any summons, warrant, or other process issued under authority of this Act, may be executed and enforced within the limits of either of the said Counties of Lincoln or Welland without "endorsement," anything in any law or any usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Attachment of vessels, &c., by which the injury is done.

Proviso.

How the amount of damage done shall be ascertained.

IV. Every information and complaint made under this Act shall be heard before at least two Justices of the Peace; and for the better enabling such Justices equitably to assess the value of or damages done to any such bridge or bridges, it shall be lawful for them in their dis-