

from the shore and islands of the Inferior District of Gaspé aforesaid, nor on any fishing bank, under a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds current money of this province.

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IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons shall cast anchor near the shore, or do anything within the aforesaid limits so as wilfully to annoy or obstruct the hauling of seines, or to obstruct or prevent the setting of nets, nor shall any nets be wilfully set or placed so as to prevent or obstruct the hauling of seines, under a penalty not exceeding five pounds current money of this province for every such offence, exclusive of such damages as may be recovered at law by the proprietor or proprietors of the seines or nets which may be thereby injured or destroyed: Provided always, that no such nets or seines as aforesaid shall be set or used so as to incommode or obstruct the navigation or anchorage in any harbour, roadstead, cove, or place necessary for the common purposes of navigation.

And not to obstruct other fishing.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all pickets, building timber, or other timber of any description whatsoever, placed or used in the several rivers in the Inferior District of Gaspé, or in the sea along the beach in any part of the said Inferior District, whether for the use of fisheries or for the purpose of building, repairing, or launching any vessel or vessels, barge or boats, or for any other purpose whatsoever, shall be removed and carried by the person or persons who shall have so placed them, or caused the same to be so placed, to some part of the beach above high-water mark within the space of eight days from the day on which such person or persons shall have ceased to use said pickets, building timber, or other timber of whatever description, under a penalty not exceeding five pounds currency of this province for every offence against this section.

Pickets, timber, &c., placed in the river, to be removed.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall not be lawful, under any pretext whatsoever, during the fishing season in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, that is to say, between the first day of May and the first day of November, inclusively, to seize or attach any boat or boats, tackle, nets, rigging, or implements of fishing of any kind whatsoever, or any provisions whatever belonging to any fisherman in the said Inferior District, and being necessary for his subsistence, or to enable him to follow his customary occupation in fishing for the cod, mackerel, herring, salmon, whale, seal fisheries, or any other kind of fish; and every person herein offending shall be liable to a penalty of not more than ten pounds currency, nor less than two pounds ten shillings currency, to be recovered by the person who shall sue for the same, without prejudice to such damages as the party injured may lawfully demand and prove.

Fishing implements not seizable during fishing season.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person hired to assist in any fishery who shall leave the service of his employer without just cause before the end of the term for which he shall have been so hired, or any person who shall hire or attempt to hire any person already hired as aforesaid, knowing him to be so hired, before the term of his engagement shall have expired, may, on complaint and legal proof thereof, made by such employer before one Justice of the Peace at a special session, be condemned to pay a fine not exceeding ten pounds currency, and, in default of payment, may be imprisoned in the common jail of the said Inferior District of Gaspé for a term not exceeding one month.

Persons hired to assist, quitting before the end of their engagement.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person so hired to assist in any fishing, shall, for the payment of his wages or salary, have a privilege in preference to every other creditor on the produce of the fishery belonging to the merchant, or other person who shall have so hired him, and that all proceedings had under or in execution of this clause shall be had before the Provincial Court of the Inferior District of Gaspé, or any other Court of competent jurisdiction.

Wages or salary constitute a privileged creditor.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the several grand juries for the said Inferior District of Gaspé at their General Sessions of the Peace, upon the recommendation and with the concurrence of the Justices of the Peace attending the session, or a majority of them, to make, for the temporary and local regulation of the fisheries in the said Inferior District, such further rules and regulations as to them shall appear most expedient for the general welfare and advantage of the said fisheries, not being contrary to the intent and meaning of this Act.

Grand Jury to make rules and regulations for the Fisheries.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no rule or regulation that may be so, as aforesaid, made, shall have force or effect until the same shall have been approved and sanctioned by the Provincial Court in and for the Inferior District of Gaspé, or of the Fourth Division of the Court of Common Pleas, whenever the said Court shall be in operation, duly notified in the "Quebec Gazette," and by an advertisement in the English and French languages, publicly posted up by the Clerk of the Peace in and for the said Inferior District, whose duty it shall be to attend to the same, and see or cause such advertisement to be duly posted up as hereby directed, with the least possible delay, at the church doors of each and every church, chapel, or other place of Divine service, in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, or at the most public places of each and every settlement in the said Inferior District where the fisheries are carried on, in case

Such rules to be sanctioned by the Provincial Court, notified in Gazette, &c.