

DEEP SEA FISHERIES.

As to right to use vacant public property for fishing purposes, and as to taking bait, &c.

3. Every subject of Her Majesty may use vacant public property, such as by law is common and accessory to public rights of fishery and navigation, for the purposes of landing, salting, curing and drying fish, and may cut wood thereon for such purposes, and no other person shall occupy the same station, unless it shall have been abandoned by the first occupant for twelve consecutive months; and at the expiration of that period any new occupier shall pay the value of flakes and stages, and other property thereon of which he may take possession, or the buildings and improvements may be removed by the original owner; and all subjects of Her Majesty may take bait or fish in any of the harbors or roadsteads, creeks or rivers; subject always, and in every case, to the provisions of this Act as affects the leasing or licensing of fisheries and fishing stations; but no property leased or licensed shall be deemed vacant.

Proviso.

COD FISHERY.

Nets for taking cod.

4. No one shall use mackerel, herring, nor caplin seines for taking codfish, and no codfish seine shall be of a less sized mesh than four inches in extension in the arms, and three inches in the bunt or bottom of the seine.

WHALE FISHERY.

Whales, &c., not to be killed by rockets or shells. Penalty.

5. Whales, seals and porpoises shall not be hunted or killed by means of rockets, explosive instruments or shells, under a penalty not exceeding three hundred dollars, or at least three months', and not exceeding six months' imprisonment, in default of payment.

SEAL FISHERY.

Sedentary fisheries not to be disturbed.

Penalty.

6. During the time of fishing for seals, no one shall, with boat or vessel, knowingly or wilfully, disturb, impede or injure any sedentary seal fishery, nor prevent, hinder or frighten the shoals of seals coming into such fishery, under a penalty not to exceed sixty dollars for each offence, or imprisonment in default of payment not exceeding one month; the defendant, being also liable for damages, to be adjudged by any Fishery Officer or other magistrate before whom the injured party may complain:

Disputes as to seal fisheries, how settled.

2. Disputes between occupiers of seal fisheries concerning limits and the mode of fishing or setting nets, shall be decided summarily by any Fishery Officer or other magistrate, on the report of arbitrators, and any damages assessed or accrued, or that may afterwards arise out of a repetition or continuance of the difficulty ordered to be remedied, may be levied under the warrant of any Fishery Officer or other magistrate.

SALMON FISHERY.

Close season for salmon.

Proviso as

7. Salmon shall not be fished for, caught or killed, between the thirty-first day of July and the first day of May, in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and in the River Restigouche, and between the fifteenth day of August and the first day of March, in the Province of New Brunswick; provided always, that it shall be lawful to fish for,