

III—WOODCOCK, SNIPE, PARTRIDGE, WILD DUCK, BLACK DUCK, TEAL, &c, &c.

1400. It is forbidden :

Close season for

1. To hunt, kill or take :

a. Any woodcock or snipe, plover, curlew, tattler or sand piper between the first day of February and the first day of September, in each year, and partridge of any kind between the first day of February and the fifteenth day of September in each year :

Woodcock, snipe, &c.

b. Any widgeon, teal or wild duck of any kind, except sheldrake, loons and gulls, between the first day of March and the first day of September in each year ;

Black duck, teal, &c.

“ c. At any time of the year between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, in any manner whatever, any woodcock, snipe or partridge.”

Hours during which hunting is forbidden.

2. To disturb, injure, gather or take, at any time, the eggs of any species of wild fowl, the hunting of which is prohibited by this article, as well as those of the wild swan, wild goose or Canada goose ; and all vessels or boat employed in disturbing, gathering or taking the eggs of any species of the aforesaid wild fowl may, as well as the eggs, be confiscated and sold.

Prohibition from taking, &c., eggs of wild fowl. Confiscation of boats, &c. engaged

Nevertheless, in that part of the Province to the north of the counties of Bellechasse and Montserrat, the inhabitants, for the purpose of procuring food at all seasons of the year, but never between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, hunt, kill or take the birds mentioned in clause b of this article. 47 V., c. 1, s. 5 ; 50 V., c. 16, ss. 5 and 6 ; 53 V., c. 20, s. 1 ; 58 V., c. 21 ss. 1 and 2.

Exception for certain parts of the Province for certain purposes.

IV.—INSECTIVOROUS AND OTHER BIRDS BENEFICIAL TO AGRICULTURE, &c.

1401. It is forbidden, between the first day of March and the first day of September, in each year, to shoot, kill or take, by means of nets, traps, springs, snares, cages or otherwise, any of the birds known as perchers, such as swallows, king-birds, warblers, flycatchers, woodpeckers, whip-poor-wills, finches, (song sparrows, red birds, indigo birds, &c.) cow-buntings, titmice, goldfinches, grives, (robins, woodtrushes, &c.,) kinglets, bobolinks, grakles, grosbeaks, humming

Close season for certain birds.