



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ANNO TRICESIMO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 19.

An Ordinance entitled the "Game Ordinance, 1869."

[12th March, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to protect Game of various descriptions from being killed out of season, and to assimilate the law affecting such matters in all parts of the Colony of British Columbia;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. The "Game Ordinance, 1865," of the Colony of British Columbia, and "An Act for the preservation of Game" of the year 1859, of the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, and the "Game Ordinance, 1867," are hereby repealed. Repeal of former Ordinances.

II. From and after the passage of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to be in possession of any Grouse, Prairie-fowl, Quail, or Partridge, for the purposes of sale or barter, between the first day of March and the twentieth day of August, in any year; or of any dead Deer or Elk, between the first of February and twentieth August in any year; or to collect or destroy the Eggs of any Grouse, Quail, Prairie-fowl, or Partridge. Provided always that the possession of any Deer, Elk, Grouse, Prairie-fowl, Quail, or Partridge, by any person or persons, between the times aforesaid, shall be *prima facie* evidence of an intention to sell, or barter, or offer the same for sale or barter; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent *bona fide* Settlers in Country Districts from killing or getting such Game at any season for their own consumption merely. Close season defined.

III. Every infraction or evasion of this Ordinance shall be punishable upon conviction in a summary manner, before any Magistrate in British Columbia, by a fine not exceeding Fifty Dollars for each separate offence, to be levied by distress, or in default of payment by imprisonment for any term not exceeding Three Months, at the discretion of the Magistrate convicting. Penalty.

IV. This Ordinance shall not come into force until the first day of August, 1869. Time when Ordinance to come in force.

V. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Game Ordinance, 1869." Short Title.

Passed the Legislative Council the 9th day of February, A. D. 1869.

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Presiding Member.

Assented to, on behalf of Her Majesty, this 12th day of March, 1869.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,
Governor.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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