

son having *ex officio* such quality, under penalty of the forfeiture of the permit, without prejudice to the penalties enacted by article 1410. 59 V., c. 20. s. 8.

Permits for scientific and breeding purposes.

1417. The Commissioner may grant written permits to any person desirous of obtaining *bondfide*, birds eggs or fur-bearing or other animals for scientific or breeding purposes during the close season.

Fee for persons not domiciled in Province.

Persons not domiciled in the Province of Québec shall, for such permits, pay a fee which shall not be less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, to be determined by the Commissioner according to the number and importance of the objects such permits are applied for.

Declaration to filed.

No person, who has obtained such a permit, shall be liable to any penalty enacted by this section, provided that, at the expiration of his permit, he files, in the Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries, a solemn declaration setting forth the species and number of birds, eggs and fur-bearing or other animals so procured by him for scientific or breeding purposes. 59 V., c. 20, s. 9.

Hunting territories may be set apart.

1417a. From and out of the public lands remote from settlements, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner, to erect hunting territories, which shall in no case exceed four hundred square miles each, provided such lands are not subdivided into lots or are unfit for cultivation.

Lease thereof.

The Commissioner may lease, either by auction or by private agreement, any such hunting territory to one or more persons for a period not exceeding ten years, for an annual sum of not less than one dollar per square mile, agreed upon between him and the lessee or lessees, payable in advance, under pain of the forfeiture of the lease.

Conditions of lease.

The Commissioner may insert, in any such lease, the clauses and stipulations deemed necessary in the public interest. 59 V., c. 20, s. 10.

Ex-officio game-keepers.

1418. All Crown land agents or Crown timber agents and all wood-rangers, appointed by the Commissioner, are while in office as such, *ex-officio*, game-keepers for the division under their respective superintendence, and are not entitled to any additional salary for such service. 47 V., c. 25, s. 22.