

No. 14 of 1878.

AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING POISONS.

[Passed 2nd August, 1878.]

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories in Council, as follows:—

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, except as hereinafter provided, to use or cause to be used, within the North-West Territories, any strychnine or other poison, for the purpose of capturing or destroying any animal, or to place it for any purpose whatsoever where it can be reached by any animal.

2. In the neighborhood of settlements, or where there are herds or flocks of domestic cattle, the safety of which is endangered by wolves or such like destructive wild animals, or in any other part of the said Territories not frequented by Indians, any person, on application to a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, if such Magistrate or Justice of the Peace is satisfied of the necessity of so doing in the public interest, may obtain from the same, a license, for a period not exceeding three months, to set out strychnine or other poison, between sunset and sunrise, at not more than ten places, other than on a public road or trail, inside of a radius of ten miles from his own residence, or other place specially named in the licence, for the purpose of destroying such wild animals.

3. The said licence, for issuing which any Justice of the Peace shall be entitled to charge one dollar, may be in the following form:—

"A.B., who resides at _____, is hereby permitted to set out strychnine or other poison between sunset and sunrise, for the purpose of destroying wolves or other such like wild animals at ten different places, other than on a public road or trail, within a radius of ten miles from _____, for a term not exceeding _____ month from the date of this licence.

"Given under my hand at _____ this _____ day _____ 18

"(Signed) _____ S. M. (or J. P.)"

4. Every person convicted of an infraction of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with costs of prosecution, and in default of payment, to be imprisoned for a time not exceeding three months.

5. Prosecutions under this Ordinance may take place in a summary way before a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, and in prosecutions, upon information whereby conviction is secured, and a fine paid or collected, the informer shall be entitled to receive one-half of the said fine.

6. After the passing of this Ordinance, the Act passed by the late Council of the North-West Territories, intituled: "An Act prohibiting the importation of strychnine and other poisons into the North-West Territories," and the Act passed by the said Council intituled: "An Act to amend the Act intituled 'The Poisons' Act,'" shall have no force or effect within the limits of the North-West Territories as now by law defined.

A true copy of Ordinance passed by the Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territories in Council, on the 2nd day of August, A.D. 1878, which I certify.

(Signed)

A. E. FORGET,

Clerk of Council, N.W.T.