

fish spawn for purposes of stocking or artificial breeding, or for scientific purposes :

Fishery lessees in arrears, &c.

3. Lessees or licensees of fisheries shall have no claim to renewal of leases or licenses if in arrears of rent or percentage during four months after the same is due, and any lessee or licensee convicted of a violation of this Act, or any regulation under it, shall be liable to forfeit his lease or license :

Special licenses for oyster beds.

4. Special licenses and leases for any term of years may be granted to any person who wishes to plant or form oyster beds in any of the bays, inlets, harbours, creeks or rivers, or between any of the islands on the coast of Canada ; and the holder of any such lease or license shall have the exclusive right to the oysters produced or found on the beds within the limits of such lease or license :

Minister may expend parliamentary grant for making or re-stocking oyster beds.

5. The Minister may authorize to be expended annually any sum appropriated by Parliament for the formation of oyster beds in various waters and places found adapted for that purpose, and for transplanting oysters and re-stocking exhausted fisheries by natural or artificial means, and for improving streams where natural obstructions exist, and may authorize the construction, erection or placing of any artificial barrier or grating in any stream or river, or in any water-course, and in the channels or beds thereof :

Protection of oyster beds.

6 Every one who takes oysters from the oyster beds, or in any way injures or disturbs such oyster beds, except during the times and on the terms permitted by regulation under this Act, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and not less than forty dollars, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months and not less than one month ; and the vessel and all apparatus used in the taking of such oysters, or the injury or disturbance of such oyster beds, shall be forfeited :

Penalty for injuring them.

Shell-fish fisheries.

7. Shell-fish fisheries shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, and any regulations made under it. 31 V., c. 60, s. 15.

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

22. 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 has 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 takes 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 harbours or roadsteads, creeks or rivers, subject to the provisions of this Act respecting the leasing or licensing of fisheries and fishing stations ; but no property leased or licensed shall be deemed vacant. 31 V., c. 60, s. 3.

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