

shall or may order the sale of the said timber by the said officer or agent, after a notice on the spot of at least thirty days; Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for any Judge having competent jurisdiction to try and determine such seizures, and with the consent of the agent at the place where such seized timber as aforesaid may be secured, to order the delivery thereof to the alleged owner on receiving security by bond with two sufficient sureties to be first approved by the said agent, to pay double value in case of condemnation, which bond shall be taken to Her Majesty's use in the name of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and shall be delivered up to and kept by such Commissioner, and in case such seized timber shall be condemned, the value thereof shall be forthwith paid to the Commissioner of Crown Lands or agent, and the bond cancelled, otherwise the penalty of such bond shall be enforced and recovered: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, in such cases to allow to the informer or informers a proportion not exceeding one half the proceeds of such seizure after deducting duties and costs.

Proviso: judge may order timber to be delivered on security being given.

Proviso: half the proceeds may be given to the informer.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any wilful false oath be made in any case where by this Act an oath is required or authorized, the party wilfully making the same, shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and be liable to the punishment provided for that offence; and any persons availing themselves of any false statement or oaths to evade the payment of duties shall forfeit the timber on which duty is attempted to be evaded.

Wilfully false oath to be perjury.

Forfeiture of the Timber.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed as in any way invalidating or affecting licenses already granted or any obligation contracted for payment of dues under such licenses, or invalidate or affect the lien of the Crown on any timber cut, upon Public Lands now within the limits of the Province, and upon which the dues heretofore exacted have not been paid, notwithstanding any bond or promisory note which may have been taken to the amount of such dues.

Existing licenses or liens saved.