

An Act to prevent the taking of Trout with nets in the Lakes of the County of Saguenay.

WHEREAS it is highly desirable that the Trout now found in the lakes and streams in the County of Saguenay, should be preserved from the destruction with which they are threatened by the pernicious practice of fishing with seines or other nets: Be it therefore enacted, &c., that—

Preamble.

5. I. After the passing of this Act no person shall, at any season of the year, take or attempt to take any Trout in any of the lakes or waters in the County of Saguenay, with any seine, net, gill net or other kind of net whatever, or stretch, place or use such net in any of the lakes or waters in the said County, or catch or attempt to catch any Trout therein by other means than by hook and line, or with a spear.

Trout not to be taken with nets in the County of Saguenay.

II. Each and every person offending against the provisions of this Act shall, for the first offence, incur a penalty of not less than twenty shillings, and not more than five pounds, and for a second or any subsequent offence a penalty of not less than thirty shillings, nor more than ten pounds, in the discretion of the Magistrate before whom he shall be convicted; and such penalty shall be recoverable with costs on complaint before any one Justice of the Peace, on the oath of any one credible witness other than the informer or prosecutor, or on the oath of such informer or prosecutor if he shall renounce all share of the penalty, and shall, if not forthwith paid, be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender on the warrant of such Justice, or if the offender have no known goods and chattels whereon the penalty can be levied, then, if the penalty be not forthwith paid, he may be committed to the Common Gaol of the District, for a time not less than nor exceeding days, unless the penalty and costs be sooner paid; and one moiety of such penalty shall belong to the Crown for the public uses of this Province, and the other moiety to the informer or prosecutor, unless he shall have renounced his right to such moiety, in which case the whole of such penalty shall belong to the Crown for the uses aforesaid.

Penalty for contravening this Act.

Application of Penalty.