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An Act to prevent the hunting of Deer with Hounds, except during particular months, and to alter the periods for killing Woodcocks and wild Ducks, and to limit the time for taking and killing Speckled Trout.

WHEREAS divers inhabitants of Upper Canada have Preamble. petitioned Parliament to pass a law for restraining the hunting and killing of Deer with hounds, and it is but reasonable to comply with the prayer of their petition, 5 inasmuch as Deer are yearly becoming scarcer: And whereas it is also desirable to alter the time of year for killing Woodcocks and wild Ducks in this Province, experience having shewn that the seasons now prescribed by law are not the proper ones for such sporting: Be it 10 enacted therefore, &c.

That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, to chase, hunt, take or kill any Deer, Fawn, Moose, or When Deer may be killed with hounds. Elk with hounds, of any breed or sort, or to allow any hound of any kind or sort belonging to him or them, or 15 in his or their possession, or under his or their controul, to be used for such purpose, or to follow such chase of its own accord, and unaccompanied by any person, within this Province, except during the period between the first of September and the fifteenth of November, in 20 each year, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it enacted, That the time or season for shooting, taking and killing wild Ducks, Teal, Widgeon and other aquatic birds shall be and is hereby declared to be between the first day of July and the first day of 25 May, (inclusive) in each and every year, and the time or season for shooting and killing Woodcocks, shall be and is hereby declared to be between the first day of July and the first day of January, (inclusive) in each and every year. Season for killing wild Ducks, and Woodcocks.

30 III. And whereas it is also desirable to prevent the extinction of speckled Trout: be it therefore enacted, That the time or season for taking or killing Speckled Trout, shall be and is hereby declared to be between the first day of April and the first day of August, (inclusive) 35 in each and every year, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Recital. Time for killing Speckled Trout.