

first rapid on the said River Ristigouche, but not to be enforced until the like provision is made by the Governor of New-Brunswick, signified by Proclamation.

Salmon or other fish, above the first rapid, on the said River Ristigouche, under the penalty of one pound for the first offence, and for every subsequent offence a penalty of two pounds. Provided always, that the provisions in this clause contained, as far as relates to the River Ristigouche, shall not have force or effect unless a corresponding provision shall in like manner be made in the Province of New-Brunswick, with respect to the said River Ristigouche, nor until the same shall have been published by a Proclamation in this Province by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the government thereof for the time being.

Weirs or Nishagans prohibited in the said River Ristigouche and other Rivers in the Inferior District of Gaspé, and the aforesaid Counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland within certain limits.

Penalty.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the use of Weirs or *Nishagans*, as practised by the Indians in the said River Ristigouche, and in other Rivers in the said Inferior District, and in the Counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland, within the aforesaid limits, to the manifest prejudice and destruction of the Salmon fisheries, shall be, and the same is hereby strictly prohibited, under the penalty of the seizure and confiscation of the fishing tackle and furniture found in possession of the Indian or Indians, or other person or persons, killing Salmon by means of Weirs or *Nishagans* as aforesaid, and of one month's imprisonment in the Common Gaol, in case of repetition of the offence.

From and after the passing of this Act, Salmon not to be prevented from passing freely up the Rivers in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, and in the aforesaid Counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland.

Penalty.

IX. And whereas it is necessary for the preservation and improvement of the Salmon fisheries, that Salmon be not prevented from passing freely and without obstruction up the different rivers in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, and in the aforesaid Counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland, within the limits aforesaid, to their spawning recesses. Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid that from and after the passing of this Act, the channels or main water courses of the several rivers, within the said Inferior District of Gaspé, and in the aforesaid Counties, shall at all times be left open and free of every obstruction whatever; and where no channel can be ascertained or described, then one third of the breadth of the river, comprising the deepest water thereof or main water course, shall be so left open and free, under the penalty of ten pounds, current money of this Province, payable by the person or persons who shall cause such obstruction; and the main channel of the river Ristigouche, from the Indian New-Mission Point up to and at the *Pointe à Bourdon*, shall at all times be left open and clear of every kind of obstruction, calculating from the deepest water in the said channel, the full distance of twenty-five fathoms on each side, forming on the whole a main and clear channel or passage of fifty fathoms in width: and all the smaller channels in the said river Ristigouche to the