

Grouse, partridge, &c.

V. It shall not be lawful to snare at any time, or to hunt or kill, to buy, sell, offer for sale, or have in possession, any grouse, partridge, ptarmigan, or pheasant between the 1st day of March and the 20th day of August in every year.

Wild swans, geese, and ducks.

VI. It shall not be lawful to hunt, take, shoot, kill, or destroy, nor to buy, sell, offer for sale or possess, any wild swan, wild goose or wild duck of the kinds known as mallard, grey-duck, black duck, wood duck, teal, widgeon, or any other kind of wild duck whatsoever, at any time between the 20th day of May and the 20th day of August in every year. 5 10

Muskrats.

VII. It shall not be lawful to hunt, trap, shoot, kill or destroy, nor to buy, sell, offer for sale, or have in possession, any musk-rat, between the 10th day of May in any year and the 1st day of March following, in every year.

Persons in possession of said game during above periods, how dealt with.

VIII. Every person so found having actual possession of any of the 15 aforementioned game, or of any portion thereof, within the respective periods above prescribed, shall be held to have obtained the same in violation of the provisions of this Act, except only upon legal proof to the contrary, the burden of which proof shall lie wholly upon the person accused, and such game may be seized by any person and carried before a Justice of the Peace. 20

Use of strychnine and other poisons prohibited.

IX. It shall not be lawful at any time to use strychnine, or other deadly poison, either mineral or vegetable, for the purpose of killing or catching any kind of wild animal, or animals of any species whatsoever, in Lower Canada. 25

Offences against this Act, how punished.

X. All offences against any of the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a separate fine for each and every offence of not less than two dollars, and not exceeding forty dollars in addition to all costs, in the discretion of any Justice of the Peace, stipendiary or other Magistrate before whom any complaint herein may be tried 30 and determined; And in default of immediate payment, on conviction, of such fine and costs, the offender shall be forthwith imprisoned in the nearest common gaol for a term of not less than fourteen days, and not to exceed three calendar months, at the discretion of such committing Magistrate, and in proportion in his judgment 35 to the amount of penalty imposed, or until such fine and costs shall have been fully paid.

Upon failure to pay fines.

Game so seized to be forfeited.

XI. Any article of game so seized as hereinbefore provided shall be forfeited; and it shall, thereupon be, by any Justice of the Peace before whom the conviction shall be had, appropriated at his discretion to purposes of charity within the limits of the Parish or District over which his jurisdiction extends. 40

Duties of officers in charge of markets.

XII. It shall be the duty of every Police Officer or Constable, Clerk of the Market or other party in charge at the market place in every Village, Town and City to seize and forfeit at sight to his own proper use any game enumerated in the foregoing section, which may be found exposed for sale or otherwise, during prohibited seasons; Provided always, that every such seizure and appropriation shall be duly reported, together with a full description of the person or persons in 40

Proviso.