

BILL.

An Act to prohibit the use of Strychnine and other poisons, for the destruction of certain kinds of wild animals.

WHEREAS there are parties who are in Preamble.
 the habit of using Strychnine and other deadly poisons, as a substitute for the ordinary means of ensnaring or killing foxes, martens and other wild animals, in the forests and other parts of this Province, without regard to the destruction thereby caused among domestic animals, which have been found dead in great numbers, wherever such
 5 poisons have been used for the purpose aforesaid; And whereas in addition to the mischief above mentioned, the practice aforesaid tends to the total destruction of various species of wild animals, the fur whereof
 10 forms an important article in the trade of the Province:—Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That no person shall use any Strychnine or other poison of any kind, mineral or vegetable, commonly known as deadly
 20 poison, as a means of killing or catching any fox, marten or other wild animal of any kind, or shall place any such poison, whether concealed in food or otherwise, in any place
 25 where it may be found by any such wild animal; and for each and every offence against the provisions of this Section, the offender shall incur a penalty of *ten pounds* currency, and shall, if the same be not forth-
 30 with paid upon his conviction, be committed to Gaol for a period not exceeding months, or until such penalty and the costs of prosecution shall be paid.

Penalty on persons using poison as a means of destroying wild animals.