

prohibition in question is really not of such value as would at first appear. To be of general benefit to the fisheries, a universal prohibition is required, and international action has been sought with the view of prohibiting entirely the use of these obnoxious engines on the high seas.

In the expectation of joint action, the department considered that this mode of fishing within our own territorial waters should be prohibited, and during the last session of Parliament the Minister of Marine and Fisheries introduced the following Bill which was adopted :—

54-55 VICTORIA, CHAP. 43.

*An Act further to amend "The Fisheries Act," chapter ninety-five of the Revised Statutes.*

[Assented to 28th August, 1891.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

1. Section fourteen of *The Fisheries Act* is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section :

"15. The use of purse seines for the catching of fish in any of the waters of Canada is prohibited under a penalty for each offence of not less than fifty dollars, and not exceeding five hundred dollars, together with the confiscation of the vessel, boat and apparatus used in connection with such catching."

SEINE FISHING IN HALIFAX COUNTY.

In consequence of the trouble hitherto experienced with regard to seine fishing in certain localities of the county of Halifax, and endless disputes and quarrels which prevailed among the fishermen, this department caused enquiries to be made through its officers as to the best modes of regulating the fisheries in the neighbourhood of Peggy's Cove, for the purpose of ensuring better protection to the fish and greater security to fishermen of this locality. As the result of these enquiries, it became evident that the only safe way to secure the desired end was to adopt the license system so successfully enforced in other parts of the Dominion, and as this suggestion was approved by a majority of the fishermen of the locality, the following fishery regulation was adopted :—

REGULATIONS FOR THE SEINE FISHERY OF PEGGY'S COVE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

(1.) The Governor General in Council may declare the coast waters of Peggy's Cove, within one-half mile of the coast, between any two given points, to be a seining district, and thereupon it shall be unlawful for any person to fish in the manner known as seine fishing within said district, without a special license from the Department of Fisheries.

(2.) Seine districts may be subdivided and fishing berths set off by metes and bounds, and named or numbered.

(3.) Licenses of the first order may be issued to the owner or owners of a seine measuring not less than 80 fathoms in length and 8 fathoms in depth, if the owners thereof are provided with a boat and sufficient crew to work the seine. Provided always that the owners or one of them has his domicile within ten miles of the coast between the points set off into a district, or provided the owners or one of them is the owner or owners of real estate of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars within the prescribed limits.