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No. 103.

3d Session, 3d Parliament, 13 & 14 Victoria, 1850.

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An Act to prevent the hunting of Deer
with Hounds, except during particu-
lar months, and to alter the periods
for killing Woodcocks and wild
Ducks.

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MR. MCFARLAND.

B I L L .

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.

Penalties on
persons con-
travening this
Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall chase, hunt, take or kill, or shall assist in or encourage any chasing, hunting, taking or killing any Deer, Fawn, Moose, or Elk with hounds of any breed or sort within this Province, or shall allow any hound of any kind 5 or sort, belonging to him or them, or in his or their possession, or under his or their control, to be used for such purpose, or to follow such chase of its own accord, or unaccompanied by any person, at any time of the year, except during the period between the first of September and the 10 fifteenth of November in each year, or shall take or kill any wild Duck, Teal, Widgeon or other aquatic birds at any other season of the year than between the first day of July and the first day of May, (inclusive) in each and every year, or shall kill any Woodcock at any other time 15 than between the first day of July and the first day of January, (inclusive) in each year, or shall take or kill any speckled Trout at any other time than between the first day of April and the first day of August, such person or persons shall for every offence be liable to the pains 20 and penalties imposed upon persons by the Statute of the Province of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, 25* "*An Act for the preservation of Deer within this Province, and to extend the provisions of the same, and to prohibit hunting and shooting on the Lord's day,*" who are guilty of offending against the provisions of the said Act, and the person or persons offending against this Act 30 shall be prosecuted, and the penalties and pains shall be enforced in the same form and by the same means and in the same manner as are prescribed with regard to offenders under the said Act.

Act of U. C.
2 Vic. c. 12.
to apply to
offences
against this
Act.