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An Act to regulate the erection, maintenance, and protection of Booms.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision respecting the erection ^{Preamble.} and for the protection of private Booms on navigable and floatable Rivers in this Province: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada 5 enacts as follows:—

1. Whenever the owner, or person holding permission from the owner ^{Consent of} or owners, of the banks on both sides of a navigable or floatable River ^{owner and} in this Province, is desirous of constructing [a Boom across such River, ^{license from..} for the safety of lumber floated thereon, he shall first obtain a license 10 from ^{granting permission to construct} the said Boom, and indicating the points on either side of the River where such Boom is to be fastened.
2. The Governor, in Council, may make such rules and regulations ^{Governor in} as may be deemed expedient for regulating the manner in which such make regula- 15 Booms shall be opened to enable boats or timber to pass through; and tions. such rules and regulations, when published in the *Canada Gazette*, shall be binding on the owners of such Booms.
3. Any person intentionally breaking, opening, or otherwise injuring ^{Penalty for} any such Boom, or causing any timber held therein to go adrift, shall ^{injuring} 20 be liable, on summary conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, ^{booms.} on the oath of one credible witness, to a penalty not exceeding *forty* dollars currency, and to be imprisoned in the common gaol of the dis- trict, where the offence is committed for a period not exceeding three months: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall affect the right ^{Proviso.} 25 of any proprietor of such Boom to his civil remedy in damages.
4. The provisions of this Act shall extend to all private Booms ^{Act to apply} already erected, provided the owners thereof shall obtain a license ^{to existing} in booms. the manner above mentioned.