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**An Act to consolidate and amend the laws
relating to the hunting of wild animals
and other game in Lower Canada.**

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An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the hunting of wild animals and other game in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law for the preservation of Game and Wild Fowl in Lower Canada: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. No deer, moose, elk, reindeer, or Carriboo, shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the first of February and the first of August in any year. Time for killing deer, &c.

II. No grouse, partridge, ptarmigan, or pheasant shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the first of March and the first of September in any year. Partridge, &c.

III. No woodcock or snipe shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the first of March and the first of August in any year. Woodcock, &c.

IV. No wild swan, goose, or duck, of the kinds known as the mallard, grey duck, black duck, wood duck, or any of the kinds of duck known as teal, shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the first of May and the first of August in any year. Water-fowl.

V. No grouse, partridge, ptarmigan, or pheasant, woodcock, or snipe, shall be trapped or taken by means of traps, nets, snares or springes, or other means of taking such birds, other than by shooting, at any time whatever; nor shall any trap, net, snare, or springe, be made, erected, or set either wholly or in part for the purpose of such trapping, snaring, or taking. Grouse, &c., not to be trapped.

VI. No person shall have in possession any of the animals, or parts of the animals, or any of the birds hereinbefore mentioned, within the periods above prohibited, without lawful excuse, the proof whereof to be on the party charged. Having such game at an unlawful time prohibited.

VII. Any offence against any provision of this Act shall be punished on conviction before one Justice of the Peace by a fine not exceeding *five pounds* nor less than *five shillings*, in the discretion of such Justice, with all the costs, and in default of immediate payment of fine and costs, by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month; one half of such fine to go to the Council, or Corporation of the municipality, and half to the informer. Punishment for offences against this Act.

VIII. All Acts, ordinances, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed. Inconsistent enactments repealed.

IX. This Act shall not apply to Indians. Indians excepted.

X. This Act shall apply only to Lower Canada. Act confined to L. C.