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**An Act for the regulation of hunting and
the preservation of Game.**

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An Act for the regulation of hunting and the preservation of Game.

WHEREAS the mode of hunting followed in certain ^{Preamble.} cases, tends to the destruction of game and to diminish the number of the birds of passage which frequent the shores and shoals of the County of Kamouraska 5 in great numbers; Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That the spring shooting season shall only commence on ^{Spring shoot-} the ^{ing season.} of April in each year, and it shall not be lawful to shoot any Game (*Gibier*) frequenting the beach and 10 shoals in the County of Kamouraska, before the of April nor after the of May in any year, for the spring shooting.

II. It shall not be lawful to shoot any of the said ^{Fall shooting} Game before the September in any year, which ^{season.} 15 day shall be considered as the beginning of the fall shooting season, which shall last so long as the Game shall remain on the shore.

III. It shall not be lawful at any time, nor in any manner, to hunt Game during the night, nor to shoot Game ^{Certain modes} of shooting ^{forbidden.} 20 when it has lighted on or when it is flying over the shoals after sunset and before sunrise.

IV. It shall not be lawful to go in quest of Game on ^{The game.} the beach and shoals at low water, nor to hunt Game by approaching it when it is feeding at low water.

25 V. Provided always, that this prohibition to hunt Game ^{Proviso : and exceptions.} at low water, shall not be construed to prevent the shooting of Game on its passage, by persons on the watch on the points of land, and in the sort of shelter called "gabions," erected on the beach and shoals, provided 30 this method of hunting be used without following the Game, during the day time, and within the periods above fixed for the spring and fall shooting seasons.

VI. Every contravention of the above provisions, shall ^{Penalty for} be punished by a fine of ^{contravention.} 35 offence, and for every subsequent offence; and the said fines may be sued for and recovered before any magistrate within the limits of his jurisdiction, and in the manner and form prescribed in such cases.

40 VII. This Act shall only apply to the County of Kamouraska, and shall remain in force until it shall be repealed or amended by the authority aforesaid. ^{Extent of Act.}