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CONSTITUTION.

Adopted at a Meeting of Subscribers, held at the Masonic Hall, March 21st, 1874.

ARTICLE I.

That the name of this Association shall be "THE GAME AND INLAND FISHERY PROTECTION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the Society shall be the adoption and carrying out of more stringent Rules and Regulations for the preservation of the Game and Inland Fisheries of the Province, and with that view, to obtain from the Legislatures, either the passage of new Laws, or such amendments in the present, as will obtain the desired object.

ARTICLE III.

The Officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and Secretary, and Council of Twelve, to serve one year—all of whom shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the Annual Meeting of the Society,—the President and Vice-Presidents being *ex officio* members of the Council.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all Annual, Quarterly and Special Meetings; to enforce due observance of the Constitution and Bye-Laws; to call Special Meetings when application shall be made in writing by the Council or by ten members of the Association; the objects of such meeting to be stated in the application; to sign all orders for monies to be paid by the Treasurer when recommended by the Council.

The Treasurer and Secretary, who may be one person, shall perform the duties usually attaching to their respective offices.

ARTICLE V.

Any person subscribing to the Constitution and Bye-Laws and paying, in advance, an annual subscription of Two Dollars (\$2), may become a member of the Society.

No person who shall not have paid such annual subscription, on or before the Annual Meeting, shall be entitled to vote in any of the affairs of the Society.

BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The Annual Meeting of the Society, excepting the present year shall be held on the first Tuesday in February, members to receive notice of the same, as also of the place of meeting, in such way as the Council of Management may direct.

Quarterly Meetings shall be held on the first or succeeding day of May, August and November.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any Annual, Quarterly or Special Meeting for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE II.

In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the members present may elect one of themselves as Chairman for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III.

Officers shall be elected annually by ballot;—Gentlemen so elected shall at once enter on the duties of their respective offices. Officers shall be eligible for re-election. Should any vacancies occur, the same shall be filled by election at the first Quarterly or Special Meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

The Council shall consist of twelve members (see Rule 2), five to form a quorum, whose duty it shall be to attend to all communications addressed to the Society, and generally to manage all matters connected therewith, to bring all complaints duly investigated and supported by evidence, to the notice of the proper law officers; to give pecuniary assistance to prosecutors, and to submit at any Special, Quarterly, or Annual Meeting such measures as they may deem advantageous, and for the better carrying out the objects of the Society. They shall carefully examine all claims against the Society that may be submitted to them, and report thereon; and such Council shall meet at least six times during the year, and at such other times as occasion may require.

ARTICLE V.

The Council shall prepare a Report to be submitted by the President at the Annual Meeting of the operations of the Society for the year.

ARTICLE VI.

The Constitution and Bye-Laws shall be printed for the use of the members.

ARTICLE VII.

Any person paying into the funds of the Society the sum of Ten Dollars may become an honorary member.

ARTICLE VIII.

No part of these Rules and Bye-Laws shall be amended or repealed, unless by a majority of the members present at a Quarterly or Annual Meeting, of which due notice shall have been given in writing at the previous meeting, nor shall any addition be made thereto except by similar vote.

COMPENDIUM OF THE GAME LAWS

Now in force in the Province of Nova Scotia,

COMPRISING :

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the
Preservation of Useful Birds and Animals.

(Passed April 17th, 1879.)

Moose and Caribou.

1. Hereafter no person shall kill, or pursue with intent to kill, any moose or caribou, except from the 15th day of September until the 31st day of January, both inclusive in any year; nor shall any person expose for sale or have in his possession, any green moose or caribou skin, or fresh moose, or caribou meat, or any part of the carcass of a moose or caribou killed in this Province, except in the months aforesaid, and the first five days of February, in any year. The possession of any green moose, or caribou skin, or meat, or any part of the carcass of a moose or caribou, during the close season, shall be presumptive evidence of such moose or caribou having been illegally killed or taken.
2. No one person shall, during any one year or season, kill or take more than two moose and four caribou.
3. Any person, or party of huntsmen, who may kill a moose or caribou, shall carry the flesh thereof out of the woods within ten days after killing the animal, provided that moose or caribou killed during the latter part of January, shall be carried out not later than the fifth day of February in the same year.
4. Any person violating any of the foregoing sections of this act, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than thirty, nor more than fifty dollars for each offence; provided however, that any person convicted of having in possession, or exposing for sale, the carcass, or any part of the carcass of a moose or caribou, for the killing or taking of which a fine shall have been already inflicted and paid, shall be fined on conviction, not more than twenty, nor less than ten dollars for each such offence.
5. It shall be the duty of the prosecutor, commissioner or warden, or in the absence of every such person, of the magistrate or magistrates before whom the prosecution takes place, to send moose or caribou meat when seized and forfeited under the provisions of this act, to the overseers of the poor for the district within which the offence has been committed, for the use of the poor, such overseers defraying the expense of transportation. If the place in which such meat is situate be too remote from the overseers of the poor for the district for the meat to be transported without too great expense,

then the same shall be distributed among the poor of the immediate neighborhood, in quantities of not more than twenty pounds to any one family, or individual not a member of a family, by such commissioner, warden, prosecutor, or magistrate or magistrates. If such meat cannot be conveniently sent or distributed as provided by this section, then it shall be the duty of all or any of such officers to destroy the same, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each omission or neglect to do so. The skin and horns shall be forfeited, and shall be branded or marked by such officers under a like penalty; and the same shall be forwarded to the Game and Inland Fishery Protection Society of Nova Scotia, or their agents, to be disposed of as they may think fit.

6. Whenever any person shall make affidavit before a stipendiary magistrate, or before a justice or justices of the peace, that he has reason to suspect, and does suspect that moose or caribou hides, or any portion of the carcass of a moose or caribou killed during the close season, are concealed on the premises of any person, it shall be lawful for such stipendiary magistrate, justice or justices to cause a search warrant to be issued, authorizing the person to whom it is addressed, to search such suspected premises, and to seize and take away any such hides, or any portion of the carcass of a moose or caribou found therein, and to be dealt with according to law.

7. No person shall set, or attempt to set any snare, or trap, or pit for the destruction of moose or caribou, under a penalty of not less than twenty-five, nor more than fifty dollars for each offence; and any person finding any such snare or trap may destroy the same. The possession of any such snare or trap shall be presumptive evidence of the attempt of the person in whose possession it is found, to set the same for the destruction of moose or caribou.

8. Any person who shall hereafter hunt or chase, or kill or pursue with intent to kill, any moose or caribou, with dogs, shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five dollars in addition to any penalties to which he may be otherwise liable under this act.

Beavers, Hares, etc.

9. No person shall kill or pursue with intent to kill, or set or maintain any trap for any beaver, or shall expose for sale, or have in his possession, any beaver skin, or other part of any beaver killed in this Province, save in the months of November, December, January, February and March, in any year, under a penalty of not less than ten, or more than fifteen dollars for each offence, to be recovered and applied in the manner prescribed by the twenty-first section.

10. No person shall kill or pursue with intent to kill any hares or rabbits, or shall expose for sale, or have in his possession, any hares or rabbits between the first days of March and October in any year. No snares shall be set for hares or rabbits during such period, and all snares shall be taken up during the same. The making, placing, erecting, or maintaining any hedge, or other obstruction, or structure of a greater length in the whole than fifty feet, in connection with, or adjoining, or between any snare or snares, or the making, placing, erecting, or maintaining any such hedge or other obstruction or structure without a clear space of at least one hundred feet intervening between it and any other, shall also be a violation of this section; and any snare,

hedge, or other obstruction or structure set, made, placed, erected, or maintained contrary to this section, may be destroyed by any person finding the same. Any person violating this section shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each offence. The possession of any hare or rabbit after the fifth day of March, shall be presumptive evidence of the same having been illegally killed or taken.

11. No person shall take, or kill, or pursue with intent to kill, or have in his possession, or set, or maintain any snare or trap for the Otter or the Mink, between the first day of May and the first day of November in any year, and no person shall take, or kill, or pursue with intent as aforesaid, any other animal valuable only for its fur, except the bear, the wolf, the loup-cervier, the wild cat, skunk, raccoon, woodchuck, and musquash, and the fox, between the first day of April and the first day of November in any year. The penalty for each offence against this section shall be five dollars.

12. Any person may catch alive at any season of the year, any number of minks, in any box, trap, or modification of the same, for the purpose of breeding and preserving the same. Hereafter, minks, when caught and kept under the authority of this section, shall be considered personal property of a private nature.

Provision respecting Birds.

13. No person shall take, or kill, or attempt to take or kill any grouse or partridge, between the first days of January and October in any year, or shall sell, buy or have in his possession, any grouse or partridge so taken between such last mentioned days, both inclusive; and no person shall take, or kill, or attempt to take or kill, or have in his possession, any woodcock, snipe, or teal, between the first days of March and August in any year. It shall not be lawful to take or kill, or have in possession, any blue winged duck during the months of April, May, June, and July in any year. The possession of any such bird, during the close season prescribed in this section in respect of such bird, shall be presumptive evidence of such bird having been illegally killed or taken. No person shall kill any woodcock before sunrise, or after sunset.

14. The killing, taking, or having as aforesaid, each partridge, grouse, woodcock, snipe, blue-winged duck, or teal, shall be deemed to constitute a separate offence; and any person violating the next preceding section, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five, nor more than ten dollars for each offence, and an additional penalty of one dollar for each bird so taken or killed, after, or in addition to the first bird.

15. It shall not be lawful for any person to take or kill within this Province, any pheasant, or to buy, sell, or have in his possession, any dead pheasant, that has been so taken or killed, under a penalty of two dollars for each offence.

16. Any dead pheasant found in the possession of any person within this Province, shall be presumed to have been taken or killed by such person contrary to this act, until proof to the contrary be given by such person.

17. The killing of robins, swallows, sparrows, and other small birds, and birds of song, which frequent the fields and gardens, and the selling and offering for sale, and the having in possession such birds when killed, shall hereafter be unlawful.

18. This act shall not apply to birds killed for preservation, as specimens of natural history; and any game mentioned in this act may be killed at any time for purposes of scientific investigation, a special license, setting forth the particular purpose of the enquiry, and signed by the Provincial Secretary, or his Deputy, having been first obtained for that purpose from the Provincial Secretary's office.

19. The trapping, snaring, or otherwise taking alive or exposing for sale alive of any of the birds mentioned in the seventeenth section, and the destroying of the nests or eggs of such birds, shall hereafter be unlawful; and any such traps or snares, when found may be destroyed, and any such bird, if alive, shall be set free.

20. Any person offending against the seventeenth or nineteenth section, shall for each offence, forfeit one dollar, in addition to ten cents for each bird, to be recovered and appropriated in a manner prescribed by the twenty-first section.

Penalties.

21. Any penalty imposed by this act may be recovered in a summary manner, before a Stipendiary Magistrate, or before two Justices of the Peace, or before one Justice of the Peace, according to the amount, in the same manner as a private debt, in the name of any person who may sue for the same, and when recovered, shall be paid, one half to the informer, and the other half to the Commissioner or Warden, if prosecuting; but if the prosecutor be any other person than a Commissioner or Warden, then such other or second half shall be paid by the Magistrate, or Justices or Justice, trying the case, within fifteen days after the recovery thereof, to the Treasurer of the Game and Inland Fishery Protection Society of Nova Scotia, to be applied to the objects of such Society,—and in case the amount of penalty and costs be not paid, the defendant shall be committed to jail, and shall not be admitted to the benefit of chapter one hundred and thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes, third series, "Of the relief of Insolvent Debtors," until he shall have undergone imprisonment without jail limits of one day for each dollar of such penalty and costs.

22. It shall be the duty of all Justices of the Peace, Stipendiary Magistrates, constables, policemen and market clerks, to enforce the provisions of this act, and of any other enactment for the preservation of useful birds and animals, whenever the infringement thereof comes under their notice, under a penalty of not less than ten dollars for each omission of duty.

23. In any case where no penalty is or shall be provided for any offence against this act or any other enactment, for the preservation of useful birds and animals, the penalty shall be not less than five, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered before a Stipendiary Magistrate or one Justice of the Peace, subject to all the provisions of the twenty-first section.

Miscellaneous Provisions.

24. There shall continue to be a Chief Game Commissioner for the Province (appointed by the Governor in Council), who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty, and whose duty it shall be to supervise and instruct the District Commissioners, and the Wardens in the discharge of their duties, to assist as far as practicable in the

prosecution of offenders, and generally to see that the provisions of the laws for the preservation of useful birds and animals are carried out.

25 There shall continue to be, for each district heretofore set apart, or hereafter to be set apart for the purpose, by the Governor in Council, a Commissioner, appointed by the Governor in Council, who shall make oath for the proper discharge of his duties, and whose duty it shall be to see that the provisions of the law are carried out, and particularly to prosecute all persons offending against it in regard to the preservation of game. It shall also be his duty to assist the officers of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, as far as possible, in carrying out the Laws for the preservation of the inland fisheries of the Province. Such commissioner shall have power to appoint in writing, wardens or deputies under him, to assist him in the discharge of his duties.

26. No person not having his domicile in the Province of Nova Scotia, shall be allowed to kill, or pursue with intent to kill, any of the animals or birds, included in the term game, as defined in this act, at any time of the year, without having first obtained a license for the purpose, signed by the Provincial Secretary and Chief Game Commissioner, from the Clerk of the Peace of any County in the District where the same is to be used and have effect, or, in the case of Incorporated Counties, from any Clerk of Municipalities within such District, who shall endorse upon such license the date of delivery, and number of the District in which the same is so delivered, and is to be used, and sign such endorsement with his name and office, in full; and shall inform the Game Commissioner for such District, where the same is so delivered and to be used, of the issue of each and every such license, and such Commissioner shall notify his wardens, of the fact of such issuing, as soon after as possible, under a penalty for omission so to do of ten dollars, to be recovered in the same manner and by the same process as any fine imposed by this act. Every such license shall be in force for one year, from the first day of August, or from the day of its delivery as aforesaid till the first day of August next, ensuing, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, and of any other enactment for the preservation of useful birds and animals, in force in the Province, during the time for which such license is granted. The fee to be paid therefor, in the County of Halifax into the Provincial Secretary's office, and in other Counties, to the Clerk of the Peace for same, or in Incorporated Counties, to the Clerk of Municipalities, shall be fifty dollars, and the fund derived from this source, shall be applied as hereinafter mentioned.

27. Any person violating the next preceding section, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty, nor more than fifty dollars for each offence, in addition to the license fee and costs of prosecution, to be recovered in the manner prescribed by the twenty-first section of this Act, and when recovered, the license fee to be paid, if issued in the County of Halifax, into the Provincial Secretary's office; if issued in the other Counties, to the Clerk of the Peace, or Clerk of Municipalities in Incorporated Counties, one half of the fine to be paid to the informer, and the other half to be paid in the County of Halifax, into the Provincial Secretary's office; and in the other Counties to the Clerk of the Peace, or Clerks of Municipalities, to be applied as follows:—

a. The Clerk of the Peace or other named officer of Incorporated Counties, shall retain for his services, five per centum of the amount recovered or collected by him.

b. The Clerk of the Peace in each and every County, or other named officer in Incorporated Counties, shall forward to the Provincial Secretary's office, the total balance of monies received for licenses and fines so collected, if any, together with an annual return shewing the number of licenses issued by him, if any, and the amount of fines collected or paid into their hands: such return to be made on or before the thirty-first day of January in each and every year, under a penalty for each omission so to do of ten dollars, to be recovered as hereinbefore provided for penalties under this Act.

c. Eighty per centum of the amount received in the Provincial Secretary's office, for the licenses and fines, to be divided equally between the Commissioners and Wardens of the District in which such licenses may be issued.

d. Fifteen per centum to be held by the Provincial Secretary, to be applied towards the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act, and of any other enactment for the preservation of game. Should any one holding a license to hunt, issued in one District, not kill the number of animals allowed by law to be killed or taken by one person, in one season, he shall, on going to another District, make affidavit before the Clerk of the Peace, or Clerk of Municipalities in any County town, that he is yet entitled to kill or take one or more animals; and the said Clerk of the Peace, or Clerk of Municipalities shall thereupon endorse upon the license presented to him or annex thereto a statement of the number of animals sworn to, without charge; and any person holding a license issued in one District, and hunting in another, without such endorsement, shall be held to have hunted without license, and be liable to the penalties herein imposed, as if he had not had a license to hunt. The money payable under subsection c of this section to Commissioners and Wardens, shall be paid under a warrant signed by the Commissioner of the District, and countersigned by the Chief Game Commissioner.

28. The provisions of the two preceding sections shall apply to officers in Her Majesty's service, and officers of the Army and Navy on service in this garrison and station, except that the fee to be paid for such license shall be the sum of five dollars, to be paid and appropriated as in the said section is provided. Officers in Her Majesty's service, officers of the Army and Navy in this garrison and station, being members of the Game and Inland Fishery Protection Society of Nova Scotia, shall be exempt from all liability to take out a license, and the payment of any license fee, so long as they shall be members of such Society, by the payment thereto of the required annual subscription.

29. Every holder of a license granted under the provisions of this act, must produce the same when required so to do, by any Justice of the Peace, Game Commissioner, or Warden, or officer of the Game and Inland Fishery Protection Society.

30. In the absence of any provision to the contrary, and if the context does not preclude such construction, the following terms shall, in this act, and in any other enactment for the preservation of useful birds and animals, have respectively the following meanings:—"Game" shall mean and include Moose, Caribou, Beaver,

Hares, Rabbits, Otters, Minks, and animals valuable only for their fur, (except Bears, Wolves, Loup-cerviers, Wildcats, Musquash, and Foxes,) Grouse, Partridges, Woodcock, Snipe, Blue Winged Duck and Teal. "Close Season" shall, for each kind or species of game, mean the season during which the killing, pursuing with intent to kill, taking, or having in possession the same, is forbidden. "Each offence" shall mean the killing or pursuing with intent to kill, or taking or having in possession one animal or bird, or other object, or the doing once any act mentioned or forbidden.

31. Chapter eighteen of the acts of 1878, the portion remaining unrepealed of chapter twenty-five of the acts of 1877, of chapter six of the acts of 1875, and of chapter thirteen of the acts of 1874, and such other portions of the existing law as are inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or affect sections seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven of chapter seventy-three of Revised Statutes, "Of the preservation of Useful Birds and Animals," which shall be and continue in force; and provided that nothing herein shall be construed to affect, conflict with, or repeal any portion of chapter seventy-four of the Revised Statutes, "Of the destruction of Noxious Animals"

32. All prosecutions under this act must be begun within one year from the date of the offence, and not after.

33. All monies derivable from the sale of licenses under the laws for the preservation of useful birds and animals, and all monies hereafter paid into the office of the Provincial Secretary, from the same source, or under any of the Provisions of this act, shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be paid out from time to time, as occasion may require, for the purpose of effectually carrying out the provisions of this act, or any other act for the preservation of useful birds and animals, such monies to be so paid out when required for the purposes aforesaid, upon the order of the President of the Game and Inland Fishery Protection Society, which said order shall be countersigned by the Chief Game Commissioner and concurred in by the Provincial Secretary.

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Additional Clauses relating to the Game Laws, extracted from
Chap. 73, Revised Statutes, Fourth Series.

Section 7. The export from this Province of moose or caribou hides is hereby prohibited and unlawful; and the hides attempted to be exported shall be forfeited; and the owner or person attempting to export the same shall, on conviction, be liable to pay a sum not to exceed five dollars on each hide, to be recovered in the name of any prosecutor in a summary manner before two Justices of the Peace, and when recovered to go to the prosecutor.

Sec. 8. Any Justice of the Peace, constable or revenue officer may seize hides attempted to be exported under section seven; and it shall be the duty of a Justice of the Peace on information on oath before him to issue a warrant addressed to any constable or peace officer to seize and secure hides so attempted to be exported; and, if the same are not claimed and proved to the satisfaction of the justice issuing the warrant not to be liable to forfeiture within ten days after the seizure, they shall be sold at public auction.

Sec. 9. If the claimant be dissatisfied with the decision of the justice, he may appeal to the Supreme Court; and the appeal shall be heard and determined in a summary way by any of the judges of such Court.

Sec. 10. The party appealing shall give a bond with sufficient sureties in a penalty of fifteen dollars for every skin so seized as aforesaid, conditioned for the performance of the judgment of the Court of Appeal.

Sec. 11. The proceeds of the sale under section eight shall, after deducting the expenses of the sale and justice's fees, be paid to the informant or officer who seized the hides.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Game and Inland Fishery Protection Society.

1879.

The Council of the Game and Inland Fishery Protection Society, at its fifth annual meeting, in accordance with bye-law number five, beg to present their Annual Report.

The meetings necessary to the business of the Society have been held. The Committee appointed at a special general meeting of the Society, held March 14th, 1878, to confer with a representative Committee of Officers of the Garrison relative to an alteration in the Game Laws, whereby Officers in Her Majesty's Service, Officers of the Army and Navy, on service in this garrison, would be entitled to all the privileges of the Game Laws upon becoming members of the Society, held the conference referred to and this alteration being agreed to on the 21st March, the law which was approved of at the last special general meeting of the Society was presented to the Legislature and passed, but with an addition which has so seriously affected the law, as to render it almost inoperative.

The appeal to the County Court mentioned in last annual report in the case of the Chief Game Commissioner vs. Larcom, was decided in that Court in favor of the plaintiff, the matter being taken by the defendant to the Supreme Court, the judgment of the County Court was sustained, ending, the Council hopes, this long vexed question.

The licenses required by the law issued during the season were—

For non-residents other than H. M. S., 9 @ \$20.00 ..	\$180.00
“ Officers H. M. Service, 18 @ \$5.00.....	90.00
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	\$270.00

This sum in addition to that for 1878 in the hands of the Government, will, without doubt, be applied as intended "towards the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the Game Laws."

The Council have to state that 28 Officers of Her Majesty's Service, have availed themselves of the alteration in the law already noticed, becoming members of the Society.

The question of the consolidation of the law for "the protection of useful Birds and Animals," having been brought very prominently before the Council of the Society, a Committee was appointed to effect this object, and the law so collected, having been passed at the last quarterly meeting of the Society, it was ordered to be made ready for presentation to the Legislature at its next session.

The Treasurer's account is herewith submitted showing a balance in his hands of \$176.89. There are still some amounts due the Society which the Council will make every effort to collect.

The Council would recommend that the offices of Treasurer and Secretary be combined. The reason for this change is obvious, it being very difficult to ascertain at any time the names of the new members joining the Society.

The Council have also to mention that C. S. Harrington, Esq., has been appointed Chief Game Commissioner in place of Fitz. Cochran, Esq.

In accordance with the bye-laws, the Society is required at this meeting to elect a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and Secretary, and twelve members of Council by ballot, in the places of those who served last year, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

By order,

A. E. HARRINGTON,

Secretary.

HALIFAX, N. S., February, 1879.

LIST OF COMMISSIONERS AND WARDENS.

1879.

District No. 1.

(Including the Counties of Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Annapolis.

Commissioner—W. S. CROOKER, Esq., Brookfield, Queen's Co.

Wardens—1. W. S. Gilpin, Digby. 2. Charles H. Hatfield, Tusket, Yarmouth Co. 3. Hugh McKay, Upper Ohio, Shelburne Co. 4. Zoeth Freeman, Milton, Queens Co. 5. William Burns, Bridgetown, Annapolis Co. 6. John McC V. Munro, Maitland, Annapolis Co., between Queens and Annapolis 7. Wellington Grimes, Middlefield, Annapolis Co. 8. Robert Journeay, Weymouth, Digby.

District No. 2.

(Including the Counties of Kings, Lunenburg, Hants and West Halifax.)

Commissioner—SAMUEL MURPHY, Esq., Mount Uniacke, Halifax Co.

Wardens—1. Benj. Hiltz, Dalhousie, Kings Co. 2. Wm. McIntyre, Aylesford. 3. Caleb Langille, New Germany, Lunenburg Co. 4 and 5. John Hibberts, Bushy Hill, and John J. Campbell, Kennetcook, Hants Co. 6. Nathaniel Mason, Margaret's Bay, West Halifax. 7. William Coolan, Shad Bay, West Dover. 8. James Hiltz, New Ross. 9. W. H. Marsden, Kentville. 10. Geo. B. Hubley, St. Margaret's Bay.

District No. 3.

(Including the Counties of Cumberland and North Colchester.)

Commissioner—ALBERT BIGNEY, Esq., Wentworth, Cumberland Co.

Wardens—1. Thomas Kirk, Jr., Parrsboro'. 2. Jephtha Harrison, Maccan. 3. George King, River Philip. 4. Henry Beattie, Advocate Harbor, Cumberland Co.

District No. 4.

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