

if he sees fit, fix the duration and scope of mining licenses ^{New} for that part of the Province known as "New Quebec", ^{Quebec.} as well as the terms on which they will be issued and renewed."

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its ^{Coming into} sanction. ^{force.}

C H A P. 31

An Act to amend the Quebec fish and game laws

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Article 2252 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended: ^{R.S., 2252,}
^{am.}

a. By replacing the words: "for fishing purposes", in the third line thereof, by the words: "in full ownership by the Crown";

b. By inserting therein, after the word: "renounce", in the second line of the second paragraph thereof, the words: "or sell";

c. By replacing the third paragraph thereof by the following:

"Such reserve may be granted on lease in the manner enacted in article 2249."

2. Article 2267 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended ^{Id., 2267, am.} by replacing the first paragraph thereof by the following:

"**2267.** The terms and conditions of such license shall ^{Licenses.} be fixed by the Minister."

3. Article 2311 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted ^{Id., 2311,} by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, is amended ^{am.} by adding at the end of paragraph 1 thereof, the following paragraph:

"The Minister may also grant to the owner of the island ^{Island of} Anticosti, on such conditions as he may determine, a ^{Anticosti.} permit to kill as many of the above-mentioned animals as he may see fit."

4. Article 2312 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted ^{Id., 2312,} ^{am.}

ed by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, and amended by the act 8 George V, chapter 36, section 1, is again amended:

Close
season.

a. By again replacing sub-paragraph *b* of paragraph 1 thereof by the following:

Mink, &c

“*b.* Any mink, otter, marten, fisher (*pekan*), raccoon, or skunk, or any other fur-bearing animal not excepted in this article, between the first day of April of any year, and the first day of November of the same year; any muskrat, between the first day of May of any year and the first day of November of the same year. Nevertheless it shall be permitted to hunt musk-rat between the first day of November of any year and the first day of June of the following year, in that part of the Province situated to the north of the fiftieth parallel of latitude;”

b. By adding thereto, after paragraph 4 thereof, the following paragraph:

Island of
Anticosti.

“Nevertheless, the Minister may, upon such conditions as he may deem just, grant to the owner of the Island of Anticosti a permit to kill a sufficient number of beaver to prevent the damage aforesaid and too great an increase in their number.”

Id., 2313,
replaced.

5. Article 2313 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, and amended by the act 8 George V, chapter 36, section 2, is replaced by the following:

A close
season for:

“**2313.** It is forbidden:

1. To hunt, kill or take:

Woodcock,
&c.:

a. Any woodcock, snipe, black-breasted or golden plover, greater or lesser yellow-legs, between the fifteenth day of December of any year and the first day of September of the following year, and, in the districts of the Province adjacent to tidal waters, between the first day of December of any year and the first day of September of the following year; any birch or spruce partridge, between the fifteenth day of December of any year and the first day of September in the following year; or any white partridge (*ptarmigan*), between the first day of February of any year and the first day of November in the same year;

Geese, &c.:

b. Any goose, coot or other rail or wild duck of any kind except wood duck and eider duck, between the fifteenth day of December of any year and the first day of September of the following year;

Swans, &c.:

c. At any time of the year, any wild swan, wood duck, eider duck, curlew, sand-piper or other shore bird or wader

(except woodcock, snipe, black-breasted or golden plover and the greater and lesser yellow-legs), or any of the following species of migratory non-game birds: auks, auklets, bitterns, fulmars, gannets, grebes, guillemots, gulls, herons, jaegers, loons, murre, petrels, puffins, shearwaters, and terns. Nevertheless, Eskimos and Indians may take at any time auks, auklets, guillemots, murre and puffin and their eggs for food and their skins for clothing; but any birds or eggs so taken shall not be sold or offered for sale; Exception.

d. At any time of the year, between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, in any manner whatever, any woodcock, snipe, partridge, widgeon, teal or wild duck of any kind; and, during such prohibited hours, it is also forbidden to keep exposed, under any pretext, any lures or decoys near a blind, boat or bank; Certain hours forbidden.

2. To disturb, injure, gather or take, at any time, the eggs of any species of migratory or non-migratory game bird or any species of migratory non-game bird, excepting as provided under sub-paragraph c of paragraph 1, or for scientific or propagating purposes under special permit. Any vessel or boat used in disturbing, gathering or taking the eggs of any species of the aforesaid birds may, as well as the eggs, be seized and confiscated according to law; Game and migratory birds' eggs.

3. To take, at any time, by means of any rope, snare, spring, cage, net, pit, trap of any kind, jacklight or other artificial light, any of the birds hereinabove mentioned. Traps, &c., prohibited.

Any infringement of this article shall render the guilty person liable, in addition to the payment of the costs, to a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, and, on failure to pay such fine and costs, to imprisonment for not less than fifteen days nor more than one month." Penalties.

6. Article 2319 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, is replaced by the following: Id., 2319, replaced.

"2319. Every bag, parcel, chest, box, trunk or other receptacle used for the carriage of game shall be so made that the contents thereof or the description of such contents, and the name and address of the shipper, and of the consignee, may be seen. Bag, &c., to be made so that contents, &c may be seen.

If any such bag, parcel, chest, box, trunk, or other receptacle contains the skin of any fur-bearing animal killed or taken in this Province, it cannot be shipped from one place to another in the Province, unless every such skin has been stamped and the royalty thereon previously paid Bag, &c., containing skin.

in accordance with article 2347, and unless it bears a tag in the form fixed by the Minister.

Penalty. Every infringement of the provisions of this article shall render the owner, the consignor, or the person claiming the same, liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, with costs, and, on failure to pay such fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than three months.

Seizure and confiscation. In a case of infringement, any officer may seize on the spot any of the above-mentioned objects, and bring them before a justice of the peace, who shall declare them confiscated for the benefit of the Crown, if it be proved that such objects were intended for commerce.

Proviso. Nevertheless, if it is proved that such skins come from a place in the Province where there is no officer of the department to stamp them, they may be handed back to the owner after the payment of the royalty."

Id., 2320, am. **7.** Article 2320 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, is amended by inserting therein, after the word "thereof", in the second line, the words: "or the skin of any moose, caribou or deer".

Id., 2328, am. **8.** Article 2328 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

Certain persons forbidden to have guns, &c., in possession. "It is forbidden for any person employed in any lumber camp or railway construction camp, or upon any other public work, to have in his possession a gun or any other hunting gear in the neighborhood of any such camp or public work, without having previously obtained a license therefor, on penalty, in addition to any other punishment to which he may be liable, of a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than two hundred dollars, and costs, for the first offence, and, for a second offence, of double the fine incurred for a first offence."

Id., 2329, am. **9.** Article 2329 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, is amended:

a. By inserting therein, after the word: "to", in the fifth line of the first paragraph thereof, the word: "his";

b. By inserting therein, after the word: "to", in the seventh line of the second paragraph thereof, the word: "his".

Id., 2334, am. as to English version. **10.** The English version of article 2334 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, and amended by the act 8 George V, chapter 36, section 4, is again amended by replacing the words: "the

skin or head of any", in the second line of paragraph 2 thereof, by the words: "any skin, head or".

11. Article 2344 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, is amended ^{Id., 2344, am.} by inserting therein, after the word: "occupant", in the third line of paragraph 3 thereof, the words: "nor have in his possession any gun or other hunting gear".

12. Article 2347 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, and amended ^{Id., 2347, am.} by the act 8 George V, chapter 36, section 5, is again amended:

a. By inserting therein, after the word: "bought", in the fourth line of paragraph 4 thereof, the words: "sells or causes to be sold";

b. By replacing paragraph 5 thereof by the following:

"5. Every person or association of persons whatsoever engaged in the fur trade who, in his own name or through an agent, or any such agent, has hunted or caused to be hunted, bought or caused to be bought, or obtained in any way whatsoever, any fur-bearing animals, or any part thereof, killed or taken on the territory of the Province, shall be bound to make, in writing, to the Minister or one of his authorized officers, before the tenth of each month, for the preceding month, a return, shewing:

- a. the species and quantities of skins and furs bought;
- b. the names and addresses of the persons from whom they were bought;
- c. the number and the species of skins on which the royalty has been paid, in compliance with paragraph 6, in the course of the preceding month; or
- d. the fact that no skin or fur has been bought or acquired in any manner whatsoever during such month.

Such returns shall be made on the forms prepared therefor by the department."

13. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after article 2347 thereof, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 1, and amended by the act 8 George V, chapter 36, section 5, the following article: ^{Id., 2347a, enacted.}

"**2347a.** If unstamped skins are found hidden, with the view of avoiding the payment of the royalty, in any place whatsoever, or are found among stamped skins, they shall be seized on the spot by any officer of the department and brought before a justice of the peace to be declared ^{Confiscation of unstamped skins in certain cases.} con-

fiscated for the benefit of the Crown, upon the complaint of such officer.”

Pending cases.

14. The provisions of section 1 of this act shall not affect pending cases.

Coming into force.

15. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 32

An Act to set apart certain territories in the Province of Quebec as bird sanctuaries

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Percé Rock in the county of Gaspé, Bird Rock, situated northeast of the Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and portions of Bonaventure Island in the county of Gaspé, are almost the last resorts of certain vanishing species of wild birds,—interesting to all lovers of nature and science, and valuable as scavengers,—notably gannets, (*sula bassana*), with their associated waterfowl (kittiwakes, razor-billed auks, puffins and guillemots);

Whereas there is a rapid and alarming decrease in the number of these species, and especially of gannets, the last remnants in existence, which now threatens their extinction;

Whereas this threatened extinction has aroused the interest of the people of the locality and of scientists and bird lovers generally, who have made pressing representations on the subject through the county council of the county of Bonaventure, the Geographical Society of Quebec, and through others;

Whereas it is desirable to adopt prompt measures for the protection of the birds in question;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

R.S., 2358f
and 2358g
enacted.

1. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after section eleventh of chapter eighth of title fourth thereof, as enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 26, section 5, the following section and articles: