

Limitation of :  
prosecutions.

4. All prosecutions for offences against the provisions of this act, shall be commenced within the space of three months immediately following the commission of the offence, and not otherwise.

## C A P . X X X V I I .

An Act respecting the hiring of Fishermen and the recovery of their wages.

[Assented to 5th April, 1869.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Penalty for  
deserting fish-  
ing service.

1. Any person who, having been engaged by any written agreement, to fish on any conditions or assist in any fishing, or in the dressing of fish, refuses to fulfil any such engagement, or shall abandon his employer's service, during the terms of his engagement, shall thereby incur a fine not exceeding forty dollars, over and above all costs, or an imprisonment for not more than three months.

Or seducing  
away persons  
engaged  
therein.

2. Whoever engages or endeavours to engage any person then engaged as aforesaid, in any way to fish or to assist in any fishery or in the dressing of fish, shall thereby incur a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, over and above all costs or imprisonment for not more than one month; and the owner or master of a vessel who shall receive on board as a hand or passenger, any person so engaged in fishing or for the dressing of fish, (unless in possession of a certificate of discharge from his employer), shall incur a penalty of not more than twenty dollars, over and above all costs or imprisonment for not more than one month.

Or harbouring  
them.

Lien for wages  
on produce of  
fishery.

3. Each person engaged to fish, or assist at any fishery, or in the dressing of fish, either by written agreement or otherwise, shall, for securing his wages or share, have a first lien preferable to any other creditor, upon the produce of his employer's fishery, and may recover the sum or share due to him before the nearest competent judicial tribunal.

Exemptions  
from seizure  
during certain  
periods.

4. No one shall, between the first of May and the first of November, seize or attach any boat or vessel, tackle, net, seine or other fishing utensils, or any provisions belonging to any fisherman and necessary for his subsistence, or his fishing operations; except only for the recovery of penalties imposed under this act.

Except for  
penalties.  
Penalty for  
taking boats  
without leave.

5. Any person taking away any boat belonging to another, without the owner's consent, shall be liable to incur a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, over and above all costs, or an imprisonment of not more than one month in excess of all damages.

