

state the name of the company] is increased [*or decreased, as the case may be*] from dollars to dollars.

Dated at the office of the secretary of the province of Quebec, this day of

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Secretary.

C A P. XXVI.

An act to amend the Game Laws of this Province.

[*Assented to, 24th February, 1868.*]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. No elk, moose, caribou, deer, fawn or hare shall be hunted, taken or killed between the first day of February and the first day of September in any year. Period for hunting deer, &c., limited.

2. No grouse, ptarmigan, partridge, woodcock or snipe shall be shot at, hunted, taken or killed between the first day of March and the first day of September in any year. Woodcock, snipe, &c.

3. No wild swan, wild goose or wild duck of any kind, or widgeon or teal shall be shot at, hunted, taken or killed between the twentieth day of May and the first day of September in any year, except it be in those parts of the province east of the place in the River St. Lawrence, known as the Brandy Pots, in which parts the inhabitants may, for food, but not for traffic or barter, hunt, take, or kill the same at any time between the first day of September and the first day of June in any year. Wild swan, geese, duck, &c.

4. No woodcock, snipe, wild swan, wild goose, or wild duck of any kind, or widgeon or teal shall be shot at, hunted, taken or killed at any time between sunset and sunrise. Shooting at night prohibited.

5. No animal or bird, except hares and partridges, named in any of the foregoing sections shall be taken or killed at any time by means of any rope, snare, spring, cage, net or trap of any kind ; nor shall any such engine be for that purpose at any time placed, constructed, erected or set, either wholly or in part ; and any person may take possession of and destroy any such engine so placed, constructed, erected or set. Nets, traps, &c. prohibited.

6. Any person may, and every magistrate, constable, market-clerk, peace-officer, railroad employee, and officer of customs shall, seize on view any of the said animals or birds, or any parts thereof, found in the possession or charge of any person during the times prohibited by this act, or which may appear to have been taken or killed at any time by any of the unlawful means aforesaid, and shall bring the same before a justice of the peace, who, unless the party found in posses- Animals or birds unlawfully taken, to be seized, &c.

sion or charge thereof proves the same to have been lawfully taken and killed, shall confiscate the said animals or birds or parts thereof, and cause the same to be given to some charitable institution.

Having game in possession during close season.

7. No person shall have in possession, or in his care or charge, any one of the said animals or birds, or any part or parts thereof, during the times prohibited by this act, or which appear to have been taken or killed by any of the means forbidden therein; but any of the said animals or birds, or part or parts thereof, may be bought and sold [when lawfully taken,] during fourteen days from the termination of the several periods respectively fixed by this act for the killing thereof.

Protection of eggs of certain birds.

8. No eggs of any of the kinds of birds above specified, or of any species of wild fowl whatsoever shall at any time be wilfully disturbed, injured, gathered or taken; and all vessels and boats employed in disturbing, gathering, or taking the eggs of any species of wild fowl, and the eggs, shall be confiscated and sold.

Lynx, mink, marten, &c.

9. No lynx, wild cat, mink or marten shall be hunted, trapped or killed between the fifteenth day of April and the first day of November in any year.

Otter, beaver, muskrat, and unseasonable skins thereof.

10. No otter shall be hunted, trapped, or killed between the first day of May and the first day of November in any year, no beaver between the thirtieth of April and the first of September; no muskrat between the first of June and twenty-first of October; and no person shall at any time, buy, sell, or have in possession, any unseasonable skin of any of the said animals.

Punishment for contravening this act.

11. Every offence against any of the provisions of this act, shall be summarily punished on information, or on summons only, by a justice of the peace, who, on proof thereof, shall impose a fine of not less than one or more than fifty dollars, together with costs, which fine shall go to the informer, and in default of immediate payment, an imprisonment in the common jail of the district wherein the offence was committed, for a period not more than three months; and any magistrate shall have power to convict on view.

Information need not be under oath.

12. Prosecutions may be instituted under this act without the necessity of swearing to the truth of the same, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, and the evidence of the informer alone, or of any one witness shall be sufficient to convict.

No *certiorari*, or appeal allowed.

13. No proceeding of any kind under this act shall be vacated, annulled or set aside by *certiorari*; but an appeal shall lie to the circuit court of the chief-place of the district wherein the offence was committed, to be instituted in the same manner as appeals in virtue of the Lower Canada consolidated municipal act.

Suits must be brought within a year.

14. All prosecutions shall be brought within twelve calendar months from the day of the committing of the offence charged.

15. All acts and parts of acts relating to game, or hunting in this province, are hereby repealed. General repeal.

CAP. XXVII.

An act respecting the Storage of Gunpowder in and near the Cities of Quebec and Montreal.

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The act twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Victoria chapter fifty-six and all municipal regulations and by-laws made in virtue thereof in either of the cities of Quebec and Montreal are hereby repealed. 27-28 V. c. 56,
&c., repealed.

2. No powder-magazine shall be kept within the limits of the said cities nor within five miles thereof. Distance of powder magazines.

3. The lieutenant-governor in council shall from time to time make all necessary regulations, consistent with the provisions of this act, for the receipt, conveyance, storage and delivery of gunpowder in the said cities and within five miles of the limits thereof. Lieut.-gov. in council to make regulations for gunpowder.

4. No gunpowder shall be stored, kept, conveyed, received or delivered, within, or within five miles of, the said cities, nor within fifteen acres from any main road or dwelling-house, except in accordance with the regulations made or to be made in virtue of the last preceding section. All gunpowder to be subject to such regulations.

5. Every building used for the storage or keeping of any quantity of gunpowder exceeding twenty-five pounds in weight, shall be deemed a powder magazine within the meaning of this act. What shall be deemed a powder magazine.

6. No person shall keep or use any powder-magazine for the storage of gunpowder without previously obtaining a license from such officer as the said regulations of the lieutenant-governor in council shall designate for that purpose; such license shall last for one year only, and a sum of not less than twenty-five dollars shall be paid therefor to such officer; and any person keeping or using any powder-magazine without such license shall incur and pay a penalty of five hundred dollars. License required for keeping powder magazines.

Duration and price of such license.

7. Every powder-magazine shall be of the following description:— Description of powder magazine.

1. It shall be built of stone, of the thickness of at least two feet, and be covered with a fire-proof roof, made of metal and attached to the building by no other means than its own weight.