

2. Paragraph 2 of article 1342 of the said Revised Statutes, is replaced by the following:

“ 2. It shall always be lawful for the Commissioner to withdraw, from any timber license, any lots unsuitable for cultivation and recognized as such after inspection, and upon which there is in the opinion of the Commissioner, no appreciable merchantable timber, and to dispose of such lots as fire-wood lots or sugary lands.”

R. S. Q., art. 1342, § 2 replaced.

Lots may be withdrawn from timber license and disposed of as fire-wood lots or sugary lands.

3. Article 1343 of the said Revised Statutes is replaced by the following:

“ **1343.** The licensee shall have the right under his license of cutting the merchantable timber on any lots sold for colonization or farming purposes, and which are included in his license, during thirty months from the date of the location ticket, except on that part of the lot which the settler is engaged in clearing as hereinbefore provided, and also to the further extent of ten acres to be selected by the settler.”

R. S. Q., art. 1343 replaced.

Right of licensee to cut timber on lots after sale for colonization purposes. Exception.

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

Coming into force.

C A P. X V I I .

An Act respecting the protection of forests against fire.

[Assented to 21st March, 1889.]

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

1. The following provisions form paragraph IIa of subsection 3 of section fifth of chapter sixth of title fourth of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec.

Paragraph added to R. S. Q., t. 4, c. 6, s. 5, § 3

IIa.—FIRE-DISTRICTS.

“ **1353a.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by proclamation, declare any portion of the Province of Quebec, which is included in any forest region, to be a “ Fire-District.” within the intents and for the purposes of the present law.

Fire-district may be erected by proclamation.

Such proclamation shall be published in the Quebec Official Gazette.

Publication thereof.

The territory, which shall be known as a “ Fire-District,” shall cease to be a “ Fire-District,” upon the publication

Effect of publication revoking same.

of a proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council revoking the one creating it.

Fire cannot be set therein between certain dates, except for clearing lands.

“ **1353b.** It is strictly forbidden for any person to set or cause to be set or started any fire in or near the woods, within any such fire-district, between the first day of April and the first day of November in any year, except for the purpose of clearing land, in which case it is forbidden to set any fire between the first day of July and the first of September only.

Liability of persons contravening provisions.

“ **1353c.** Any person who shall set or cause to be set a fire, contrary to the provisions of the foregoing article, shall, in addition to his liability for all damages, become liable upon conviction to the payment of a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, and in default of the payment of the said fine, with or without delay, to an imprisonment in the common gaol of the district, in which the conviction takes place, for a period of not more than three months, unless the said fine and costs, together with the costs of imprisonment and conveyance of the delinquent, be sooner paid.

Certain persons may be appointed to enforce provisions, and general superintendent in each district.

“ **1353d.** The Commissioner is authorized to employ, between the first day of April and the first day of November, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this law, such number of men as he may deem necessary for that end ; and in each fire-district so established he shall name a general superintendent of forest fires.

Licensees to place men at disposal of superintendent.

“ **1353e.** The Commissioner shall require the persons holding a license in any territory, included in any such fire-district, to place at the disposal of the general superintendent of forest fires any number he may see fit of their employees for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this law ; which employees shall be under the sole and exclusive control and direction of the said superintendent and bound to execute his orders.

Pay of such men.

The salaries and expenses of such employees shall be borne by the licensee and the Commissioner, jointly.”

Coming into force.

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