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**An Act to make further provision for the Salmon Fisheries in the Bay of Gaspé, and in certain parts of the County of Northumberland, and to repeal in part a certain Act therein-mentioned. (22d March, 1825.)**

Whereas it is expedient to make further provisions relating to the Salmon Fisheries in the Rivers falling into the Bay of Gaspé, and in the River Saint Lawrence, in that part of the County of Northumberland east of the little River Malbay [Malbaie] to the Black River, inclusively, than heretofore: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that hereafter during this Act, it shall not be lawful for any of the inhabitants or persons in the Inferior District of Gaspé, and in that part of the County of Northumberland east of the little River Malbay to the Black River, inclusively, other than Indians, to take or kill Salmon in any of the Rivers falling into the Bay of Gaspé, or into the River Saint Lawrence, in that part of the County of Northumberland above-mentioned, by means of spears, whether by night or day, at any season of the year.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall not be lawful for the Indians frequenting or resorting to any of the said Rivers, to take or kill Salmon therein, after the first of July of each year during this Act, at night time, by means of spears, with the assistance of flambeaux, under the same penalty or forfeiture, in case of disobedience to this Act, as is with respect to Indians in the like case provided in the fifth clause or section of an Act passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Fisheries in the Inferior District of Gaspé, and in the Counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland."

III. And whereas it is proper that the aforesaid Rivers should at all seasons remain entirely open and unencumbered by nets above the settlements, and the Salmon thereby be left unmolested at, and in ascending to their spawning recesses: Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that during this Act, it shall not be lawful to place or fix any nets for taking or killing Salmon in any of the aforesaid Rivers, above or higher up the said Rivers than the situation of the lots of land thereupon owned and occupied by the Fisheries, or persons following the Salmon Fishery, under the penalty, in case of disobedience to this Act, of twenty shillings, currency, for every day during which such net may remain in any of the aforesaid Rivers, and such net or nets may be removed by any Justice of the Peace, Officer of Militia or Peace-Officer, as in the like case it is ordained and provided in the above recited Act.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by this Act, shall be sued for and recovered within the time, and in the manner as specified in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's Reign; and shall be disposed of as therein it is authorised and directed, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in the manner as in and by the said Act it is ordained and provided.

V. And whereas it is expedient to repeal the sixth Clause of the above recited Act, which prohibits the use of any Caplin, or any Herring Spawn or Caplin Spawn, for the purposes of Manure: Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said sixth Clause or Section of the above recited Act, passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and no longer.