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1 William IV – Chapter 6

An Act to encourage the destruction of Wolves. (31st March, 1831.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to endeavor to arrest the ravages committed among sheep and cattle by Wolves: May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it 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 any person being an Inhabitant of this Province, who shall kill or cause to be killed any Wolf, and who shall, after the death thereof, produce the same or the head thereof, with the skin and ears entire thereon, before any Justice of the Peace for the District within which such Wolf shall have been killed, and make oath before such Justice, (which oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer,) that such wolf was killed by him, within six miles of any inhabited place in the said District, the said Justice, having first caused to be cut off and burnt the ears and scalp of such wolf, shall give to such person a certificate that proof of the killing of such wolf by such person, at such place, was made to his satisfaction.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the person possessed of such certificate may present, or cause the same to be presented to the Secretary of the Province; and that it shall thereupon be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, by warrant under his hand, to order the payment to such person, his heirs, executors, curators, administrators or assigns, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver-General, of the sum of two pounds ten shillings currency, for each Wolf of which the destruction shall so be certified.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person making the affidavit hereby required, who shall be convicted of wilfully taking a false oath respecting the killing of any Wolf, shall be liable to the pains and penalties to which by law persons are liable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of all monies expended by virtue of this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his heirs and

successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, his heirs and successors shall direct.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and continue in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and no longer.