

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Monday, the Second Day of October, 1758, and in the 32nd year of His Majesty's Reign.

32 George II – Chapter 31

An Act for the granting Bounties and Premiums, on the fencing and improving Lands, raising Grain, Roots, Hay, Hemp, Flax, and catching and curing Fish.

Whereas altho' this colony is unable under its present circumstances, to provide for the necessary expence of His Majesty's government here, yet as the granting of bounties for be encouragement of industry may influence many of His Majesty's subjects to become settlers in the Province, to increase of the Wealth thereof. Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is enacted. That the following bounties and premiums be paid by the treasurer of this Province, out of the monies already granted, or that shall hereafter be granted by the General Assembly, by duties on wine, beer, rum and other spirituous liquors, or any other duty, which shall be found necessary to be said, in order to discharge the same, to the person or persons producing certificates in manner hereafter mentioned.

That the sum of two shillings and six pence this currency, be paid by the treasurer for every rod of good and sufficient stone-wall, erected on the peninsula of Halifax, being sixteen and a half feet long, four feet in height, and two feet and a half thick at bottom and containing not lets than twenty rods. This bounty to continue for the space of two years.

That there be paid, by the treasurer, the sum of two shillings, for every gross hundred weight of good and sufficient English hay, which shall be cut and made, within the peninsula of Halifax, this bounty to be continued for three years.

That there be paid by the treasurer, the sum of eighteen pence for every bushel of wheat, barley, rye and peas, six pence for every bushel of potatoes, and three pence for every bushel of turnips, raised upon the lands of Halifax, Lunenburg and Dartmouth. This bounty to continue for the space of two years only.

That there be paid by the treasurer, one penny for every pound of merchantable hemp (that is to say) bright, well cured, of four feet in length, water rotted, and fitted for the hatchel; and one penny for every pound of merchantable flax, fitted for the hatchel: said hemp and flax to be raised from the lands of Halifax, Lunenburg, and Dartmouth. This bounty to continue for the space of two years.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person or persons, who shall claim any of the bounties or premiums on grain, roots hemp, flux, and hay, or stone-wall, shall be obliged to make oath before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, that such grain, roots, hemp, flax and hay, or stone-wall, were raised in this colony, within the districts as in this Act are before prescribed, and since the granting the bounties thereon,

and that no part of the said bounty or premium has been paid; the quantity whereof, as also the number of rods of stone-wall, shall be ascertained by the oath of two credible persons, who saw the same respectively measured or weighed: upon complying wherewith, such Justice is hereby required to give such person or persons a certificate, as in this Act is prescribed; upon producing whereof to the treasurer of this Province, such bounty or premium shall respectively be paid, at such times as hereafter in this Act are respectively prescribed. The form of which certificates shall be in the words (Mutatis Mutandis) following, viz.

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I do hereby certify, that A. B. of

in the Province aforesaid hath complied with an all of this Province for granting bounties and premiums, and that it appeared to me, as well upon the oath of the said A. B. as of C. D, and E. F. two credible persons, that the said A. B. hath raised bushels of pounds of rods of stone-wall;

within the District of or hundred of hay within the peninsula of Halifax, since the granting such bounties and premiums and that no part of the said bounty or premium hath been paid.

Given under my hand this day of 175

To the treasurer of }
the said Province. }

That for the further encouragement of the fishery in this Province, there shall be paid by the treasurer, the sum of eighteen pence for every quintal of dried cod-fish, culled and weighed off, which shall be caught and cured during the fishing season by vessels, the property whereof shall belong to, and be owned by persons who shall have resided in this Province for the space of twelve months, at the time of receiving the bounty; the crews thereof to consist, at least the one half of persons living or residing within the Province, for the space of twelve months. The proof of fisherman or their owners residence in the Province, to be by their oath or other proof before one of His Majesty's Justices, the condition on which the bounty shall be demanded, shall be on the oath of the owner, as to the property, and of the sworn culler, as to the quantity. And this bounty to extend through the, whole Province, and to continue for the space of five years from the first of January next, with this Proviso, that at the expiration of the third year, there shall be one shilling only per quintal bounty paid by the treasurer as aforesaid, for every quintal of dried cod-fish, caught and cured in the Province in manner aforesaid.

That there be paid by the treasurer, in manner and form aforesaid, one shilling per barrel, for every barrel of pickled mackarel, herring or salmon, shipped for exportation. This bounty to be continued for five years.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person or persons who shall claim any of the bounties or premiums on dried cod-fish, pickled mackarel, herring or salmon, shall be obliged to make oath before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, that such cod-fish were caught during the fishing season, by vessels, the property whereof is in him or them, and by him or them owned, and that he or they have resided in this Province for the space of twelve months, and that the crews thereof are, at least one half, of such persons that have resided as aforesaid for the same time; and that the same were cured, culled, and weighed off during the fishing season, and were caught, cured, culled, and weighed off in this Province, since the granting the bounties and premiums thereon. And the sworn culler in said Province, shall likewise swear to the quantity of fish by him culled and weighed off, and by him or them owned as aforesaid; And that he or they have received no part of the bounties or premiums thereon. And in like manner any person or persons who shall claim any of the bounties or premiums on pickled mackarel, herring, or salmon, shall be obliged to make oath in manner aforesaid, that such pickled mackarel, herring, or salmon, is or was the property of him or them, who have resided in the Province for the term aforesaid, and that the same were caught, cured and well packed in good and sufficient barrels, and by him or them shipped for exportation in quantity barrels, which quantity and quality to be sworn to by the surveyor. And that the same were caught, cured, packed and shipped in this Province, since the granting the bounties and premiums thereon, and that he or they have received no part of said bounties or premiums; and shall bring a receipt for the quantity so shipped, from the shipper thereof: upon complying wherewith, such Justice is hereby required to give such person or persons a certificate as in this Act prescribed: upon producing whereof to the treasurer of this Province, such bounty or premiums shall respectively be paid at such times as hereafter in this Act are respectively prescribed: The form of which certificates, shall be in these words (Mutatis Mutandis) following, viz.

Nova-Scotia, ff

I do hereby certify that A. B. of in the Province aforesaid, hath complied with an Act of this Province for granting bounties and premiums, and that it appeared to me, as well upon the oath of the said A. B. as upon the oath of C. D. sworn culler, that the said A. B. hath caught, cured, culled, and weighed off quintals of dried cod-fish, caught, cured, culled, and weighed off in the Province, during the fishing season, since the granting of such bounties and premiums, and no part of said bounty or premium hath been to him paid. And that in like manner the said A. B. (or any other) hath caught, cured, well packed, and shipped for exportation in good and sufficient barrels, and hath produced receipt thereof from the shipper thereof and the oath of the surveyor to the quantity and quality thereof,

barrels of pickled mackarel.
ditto of herring.
ditto of salmon.

being caught, cured, and packed in this Province, during the fishing season, since the granting of such bounties and premiums, and that no part of the said bounty or premium, hath been to him paid. Given under my hand this day of 175

To the treasurer of }
the said Province. }

And be it further emitted by the authority aforesaid, that all bounties payable by virtue of this Act, shall be paid on or before the twenty fifth day of March annually; And that all premiums payable by virtue of the same, shall be on the twenty fifth day of March annually; and be extended to each district as in the Act mentioned.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for the further encouragement of the fishery, labour, and industry, over and above the before mentioned bounties, there shall be paid by the treasurer, in manner and form aforesaid, the following premiums, for the space of five years.

To every person who shall raise the greatest quantity of merchantable hemp, on the lands of Halifax, Lunenburg, and Dartmouth, exceeding six hundred weight, the sum of six pounds, and to every person who shall raise the next greatest quantity of hemp, exceeding four hundred weight, the sum of four pounds; and to the person who shall raise the next greatest quantity of hemp, exceeding two hundred weight, the sum of two pounds. The said hemp to be bright, well cured, and water rotted, and fit for the hatchel. The said premiums to be paid for the three first years, in manner as aforesaid, and for the remaining two years, the quantity to be doubled.

To the person who shall raise the greatest quantity of grain exceeding fifty bushels, of any species, on the lands of Halifax, Lunenburg, and Dartmouth, the sum of five pounds. This to be paid for the three first years, in manner as aforesaid, and for the remaining two years, the quantity to be doubled.

To the person who shall catch and cure in this Province, under the restrictions before-mentioned, the greatest quantity of cod-fish, exceeding seven hundred quintals, the sum of thirty pounds; and to the Person who shall cure the next greatest quantity of cod-fish, exceeding five hundred quintals, the sum of twenty pounds; and to the person who shall catch and cure the next greatest quantity, exceeding three hundred quintals, the sum of ten pounds. The said premiums to be paid for the three first years in manner as aforesaid; and for the remaining two years, the quantity to be doubled.

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To the person who shall catch and cure in this Province, the greatest quantity of merchantable pickled Fish (that is to say) mackarel, herring, or salmon, exceeding two hundred barrels, the sum of five pounds. The said premium to be paid in manner aforesaid for the first three years; and for the remaining two years, the quantity to be doubled.