

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1825. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1825.

6 George IV – Chapter 8

An Act further to extend the Bounties on Fish brought into this Province. Passed 17th March, 1825.

Whereas it is deemed of the utmost importance to the increase of the Commerce of this Province, that such further encouragement should be given to the Cod Fisheries, and also to the importation of Merchantable Codfish suitable to the Mediterranean Markets, and to those of the new States of South America, as the Legislature have it in their power to bestow.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, in addition to the bounties granted in, and by an Act made and passed in the third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same," and an Act made and passed in the fifth year of His said present Majesty's Reign, to extend the provisions of the said first recited Act a further bounty of eight pence per Quintal shall be paid upon all merchantable Codfish suitable to the Mediterranean Markets, and to those of the new States of South America, which shall be imported or brought into this Province in fishing Vessels of thirty Tons and upwards, which by the said recited Acts are now entitled to a bounty of twenty Shillings per ton, and sold to Merchants or Traders resident therein, and also upon all merchantable Codfish suitable to the above named markets and imported or brought into this Province by British Subjects in Vessels or Boats of any description under thirty Tons, and also in vessels over thirty Tons which are not by Law already entitled to receive a bounty of twenty Shillings per Ton, or which may be the produce of the home or shore fisheries of this Province, and are actually landed and sold to some Merchant or Trader resident therein, a bounty of one Shilling and eight Pence per Quintal; the said bounties to be paid out of the Treasury of the Province to the resident Merchant or Trader purchasing and receiving such Fish, by Warrant of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to be issued by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council: Provided always, that the sum to be paid in any one year for such additional bounties, shall not exceed the sum of one thousand Pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, That no bounty granted by this Act shall be paid, unless the Fish upon which the bounty is to be claimed, has been inspected and examined by some sworn Inspector and Culler of Fish, and ascertained to be of a quality denominated merchantable, and suitable for the Mediterranean market, and those of the new States of South America; and such Inspector shall grant and subscribe a Certificate declaring the quantity of Fish so inspected by him, and that the same is of a merchantable quality, and fit for the Mediterranean market, and those of the new States of South America, and stating the names and residence of the seller and purchaser thereof: And it shall further be requisite for the resident Merchant or Trader applying for such bounty, to make affidavit before the Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer of the County, District or place

where such Merchant or Trader resides, that he hath actually paid, or secured to be paid in Cash to the person or persons bringing such merchantable Fish into the Province, and landing and selling the same as herein before mentioned, within three months from the time of purchase, the full amount of the bounty claimed under this Act, and also that he believes the same Fish were actually caught and cured by British Subjects, and also that the said Fish were purchased by him as being of a merchantable quality, and fit for the Mediterranean market, and those of the new States of South America, and that to the best of his knowledge they are of such quality.

III. And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid certificate of the Inspector, and affidavit of the resident Merchant claiming the bounty, shall be transmitted to the office of the Secretary of the Province, to be laid before the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, and His Majesty's Council, before any Warrants are issued for any such bounty: And the Warrants for the bounties under this Act shall be issued once in six months reckoning from the day of the passing of this Act, and all the bounties allowed under this Act for each semi annual period, shall and may be included in one Warrant.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall be guilty of false swearing in any affidavit made under and by virtue of this Act, such person or persons so offending, shall, upon conviction thereof before the Supreme Court or any Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* or Gaol Delivery, be liable to suffer the pains and penalties by Law inflicted for wilful and corrupt perjury.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force, during the continuance of the Act "to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same" and no longer.