

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1828. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1828.

9 George IV – Chapter 19

An Act to grant a Bounty on the destruction of Bears in this Province. Passed 5th April, 1828.

Whereas many losses have been suffered by sundry inhabitants of this Province, from the destruction of Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs, by Bears, to the great, discouragement of the increase of that valuable Stock; for remedy whereof,

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly That from and after the passing of this Act, a reward of fifteen shillings shall be paid to any inhabitant or inhabitants, or native Indian of this Province, for each and every Bear he or they shall kill, or assist to kill, within the limits of the same.

II. And be it further enacted, That to entitle any person or persons to the said reward, he or they shall within fifteen days from the time of the killing such Bear, first take the following oath, to be set down in writing, and his or their name thereto subscribed, that is to say;

I, _____ [or We,] A. B. do swear, that I, [or We,] did on the ____ day of _____ kill, or assist to kill, a Bear at [here the place where the Bear was killed to be particularly described, and if in the wilderness, its relative distance from some known place or River,] within this Province of New-Brunswick; and that the Nose now produced by me, is the Nose of the Bear, so killed, and for which the Bounty of fifteen shillings is claimed; and that no other person has received the Bounty for the same: Which said oath may be made before any Justice of the Peace nearest the place where such Bear may be killed; who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same without any Fee; and which Oath shall be accompanied by a Certificate of such Justice, that he verily believes the facts therein stated to be true, and that he has burned or otherwise destroyed the Nose of said Bear so produced.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, in the several Counties, at their General Sessions, to determine and settle all claims for rewards given by this Action the Oath and Certificate hereinbefore required to be made; and shall certify in one General Schedule, all such claims as they shall allow, and transmit the same to the Secretary of the Province.

IV. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being, by and with the advice and consent, of His Majesty's Council, to draw, by Warrant on the Treasurer of the Province, the amount of such Schedule in favor of the Clerk of the Peace of the County, to be by him paid and distributed to the respective Claimants.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of April, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.