

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1841. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1841.

4 Victoria – Chapter 19

An Act for the better and more effectual securing the Navigation of the River Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, and to protect the Fisheries on the said River. Passed 19th March 1841.

'Whereas there are extensive Mills for the Manufacturing of Lumber, on or near the River Miramichi, between Beaubair's Point and Sheldrake Island, the Slabs, Rinds, and Refuse from which are generally thrown into the said River, whereby the navigation thereof is becoming obstructed and the Fisheries thereon are greatly injured;'

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any person or persons who may be the owner or owners of any Mill or Mills already erected, or that may be hereafter erected on or near the River Miramichi, between Beaubair's Point and Sheldrake Island, (except as hereinafter mentioned) for the manufacture of Lumber of any description, or any person who may be engaged in manufacturing Lumber in any such Mill or Mills shall suffer or permit any Slabs, Rinds, Bark, Log ends or rubbish of that description made or cut at any such Mill or Mills to fall, roll, float or be thrown into any part of the River Miramichi or into any Creek or Stream falling into the said River within the limits above mentioned, every such owner or owners of such Mill or Mills or other person or persons manufacturing Lumber at any such Mill or Mills, shall forfeit, and be liable to pay a fine for every such offence, a sum not exceeding twenty pounds nor less than ten pounds, to be recovered with costs of suit before any two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, at the suit of the Treasurer for the said County for the time being, or of any other person who shall prosecute for the same, on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, and to be levied by Warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, rendering to him or them the surplus (if any) after deducting the costs and charges of prosecution and of the levying and sale of the said goods and chattels; and if no goods and chattels can be found whereon to levy the same, then the offender or offenders to be committed by the Warrant of the Justices to the Common Gaol of the said County, there to remain for any time not exceeding thirty days, unless the amount of such fine and costs shall be sooner paid; and such fine when recovered shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said County for the public uses thereof: Provided always, that the Saw Mill now standing on French Fort Cove, within the limits above mentioned, shall not be liable to the provisions of this Act.

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