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Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1858. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1858.

21 Victoria – Chapter 15

An Act to prevent the use of Poisons in the destruction of Foxes and other animals. Passed 6th April 1858.

Section. 1. Penalty for placing Poison; recovery and application. Section.2. Penalty not to prevent other remedy for loss.

Whereas much and serious evil has arisen from the practice of placing and leaving poison for the destruction of wild animals in the woods and fields, and on other property, whereby valuable domestic animals have been destroyed, and other losses have accrued;—

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:-

1. Whosoever shall wilfully place or leave strychnine or other poison of any kind on any public or private property, OF on any public road or street, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable to pay a fine of not less than two pounds nor more than ten pounds, which penalty when recovered shall be applied as follows, viz:—One half part thereof, after paying all the necessary expenses of recovery, shall be paid to the informer or informers upon whose information such conviction may be obtained, and the remaining half to the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish where the offence was committed, for the use of the Poor thereof; in default of payment of said fine, the party convicted as aforesaid shall be committed to the gaol of the said County for a period not exceeding ten days nor less than two days, in the discretion of the Court.

2. Any fine or imprisonment imposed by virtue of this Act, shall not prevent any prosecution or other legal remedy for loss or damage sustained by any party by means of such poison.