

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1835.

5 William IV – Chapter 3

**An Act for preventing the taking and using of Caplin for Manure. (8th May, 1835.)**

Whereas the catching and taking of the Fish called Caplin, in large quantities, for the purpose of using the same as Manure, is deemed to be greatly injurious to the Fisheries: Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Newfoundland, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act no Persons or Person whomsoever shall haul, catch, or take any quantity of the Fish called Caplin, or of the Spawn thereof, for the purpose of using such Caplin, or any part thereof, for Manure, nor shall any quantity of Caplin, or Spawn thereof, so caught and taken, be used or applied for the purposes of Manure, nor for any Agricultural purpose whatsoever; and each and every Person who shall haul, catch or take, or cause to be hauled, caught or taken, any Caplin or Spawn thereof, for any of the purposes aforesaid, and each and every Person who shall on any pretence whatsoever use or apply, or cause to be used or applied, any quantity of such Caplin, or of the Spawn thereof, as aforesaid, for Manure, or for any Agricultural purpose whatsoever, shall, for each and every offence, on conviction, forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, a penalty not exceeding One Pound sterling for the first offence, nor Five Pounds sterling for any subsequent offence.

II. And be it further enacted, that all Fines and Penalties incurred under this Act shall and may be sued for and recovered in a summary way before any two or more Justices of Peace, or in any Court of Record in the Colony, and shall on recovery be paid One Moiety to the Person who shall inform and sue for the same, and the other half into the hands of the Treasurer of this Colony, to abide such appropriation as the Legislature of the Colony shall from time to time make thereof.

III. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force for the period of Two Years, and from thence until the end of the then next Session of the Parliament of this Colony, and no longer.