

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

5 William IV – Chapter 9

An Act to prevent the unnecessary discharging of Guns, and other Fire-Arms, in the Towns of Saint John's, Harbor-Grace, Carbonear, Port-de-Grave, and Brigus, and the Suburbs thereof. (8th May, 1835.)

Whereas many accidents have occurred and much inconvenience arisen from the custom of unnecessarily discharging Guns and other Fire Arms in the Towns of Saint John's, Harbor-Grace, Carbonear, Port-de-Grave, and Brigus, and in the Suburbs thereof, during the season of Christmas and on the occasion of other festivities: And whereas, to prevent further injuries arising therefrom, it has become expedient to repress the same:

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 Person or Persons whatsoever shall within the said Towns or within the Suburbs thereof, respectively, discharge or fire off any Gun, Pistol, or other Fire Arm, for the purpose of creating a noise or disturbance, or without some necessary or reasonable cause or excuse for so doing: And every Person so offending shall, for every offence, upon conviction thereof on the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, or on the view of any such Justice, forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, the sum of Ten Shillings Sterling, to be levied by Warrant of Distress from such Justice on the Offender's Goods and Chattels; and for want of sufficient Goods and Chattels, such Offender shall be committed to Gaol for the space of Twenty-Four Hours; one half of the said fine to be paid to the Informer, and the other half towards the support of the Poor of the said Towns respectively: Provided always, that no prosecution for a breach of this Act shall be admitted, unless complaint be made thereof within Forty-Eight Hours after the Offence committed: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent or in any manner to obstruct His Majesty's Troops, or other Persons acting under lawful authority, from and in the discharge of their respective Duties.