

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1839.

3 Victoria – Chapter 1

An Act to encourage the Killing of Wolves in this Colony. (Passed 14th September, 1839.)

Whereas much injury has arisen to the Inhabitants from the Depredations of Wolves in this Island; and it is expedient to encourage the destruction of the said Animals:—

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, any Person or Persons who shall produce, or cause to be produced, before any Justice of the Peace in this Island, the Skin of a Wolf recently Killed within this Colony, and shall make and subscribe, of cause to be made and subscribed, a declaration in manner and form as in Schedule A, hereunto annexed, that the same was Killed by or for such Person or Persons, such Person or Persons so applying shall be paid a reward of Five Pounds; and if any declaration so made shall be false or untrue, the Person wilfully making such false declaration shall be deemed Guilty of a Misdemeanour.

II. And be it further enacted, that the said Justice of the Peace shall, on such proof as aforesaid being exhibited, detain or destroy the said Skin, and give to the Person or Persons applying as aforesaid a Certificate in manner and form as in Schedule B hereunto annexed, which Certificate being laid before the Secretary for the Colony, His Excellency the Governor, or Person Administering the Government for the time being, shall issue his Warrant for the Payment from the Treasury of the Colony of the said Sum of Five Pounds.

III. And be it further enacted, that there shall be laid before the Legislature at the opening of the next Session, a return of the number of such Certificates so presented to the Secretary of the Colony, with the name and residence of the Magistrate certifying, and the name or names of the Party or Parties, and their residence also, to whom such reward was thereby made payable.

IV. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall be and continue in force for two years, and until the end of the then next Session the Legislature.

Schedules

A

I, A.B. of _____ in the District of _____ do solemnly declare that I (or A.B. of _____ in the District of _____ in my presence) on the _____ day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord _____ at _____ in the District of _____ within the Island of Newfoundland, did Kill a Wolf, the Skin of which I have deposited with A.B. Esquire, Justice of the Peace for the _____ District of Newfoundland.

B

I, A.B., Justice of the Peace for the _____ District of Newfoundland, do hereby Certify that A.B. of _____ in the District of _____ within the Colony of Newfoundland, came before me and deposited in my hands the Skin of a Wolf, and being examined did solemnly declare the same was Killed on the _____ day of _____ in the year _____ by him (or by A.B. in his presence) at _____ in the District of _____ Given under my Hand this _____ day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord.
_____ A.B.