

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1845.

8 Victoria – Chapter 13

An Act for the protection of the Breeding of Wild Fowl in this Colony. (Passed 23rd April, 1845.)

Whereas it is expedient to make provision for protecting the breed of Wild Fowl in this Colony:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, that from and alter the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, within this Island or any of its dependencies, wilfully to break, destroy, take, carry away, use, purchase, barter, sell, or expose to sale, or knowingly have in his, her, or their possession, any of the Eggs of any of the various species of Wild Fowl which resort to or frequent the shores, coasts or other parts of this Island, or of the Islands or Dependencies within the Government thereof; nor by any ways or means whatsoever wilfully to remove or destroy any of the said Wild Fowl during the breeding season, that is to say, between the Tenth day of May and the First day of September, in each year: And that if any person or persons shall, after the time aforesaid, within this Island or any of its dependencies, wilfully break, destroy, lake, carry away, use, purchase, barter, sell, or expose to sale, or knowingly have in his, her, or their possession, any of such Eggs as aforesaid, or shall, during the breeding season aforesaid, by any ways or means whatever, wilfully remove or destroy any of the said Wild Fowl, every such person or persons shall, for every such offence, not only forfeit the same, but forfeit and pay to Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, a sum not more than Twenty Pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, that all fines and forfeitures incurred under this Act, shall and may be sued for and recovered on the oath of One or more credible witness or witnesses, or by the confession of the party, in a summary way, in any of the Superior Courts or any of the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in this Island, and shall be levied with costs on the goods and chattels of the offender, and shall be paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, for the general purposes of the Colony; Provided always, that all informations and prosecutions for any of the above offences shall be made and commenced within three months after any such fine or forfeiture shall have been incurred.