

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1860.

23 Victoria – Chapter 4

An Act to Prevent the Firing of the Woods and Forests of this Colony, and for other purposes. (Passed 14th May, 1860.)

Be it Enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, in Session convened:

That if any person shall hereafter wilfully or carelessly set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any Forest Woods, Trees, or Underbush, in this Colony or its dependencies, such Forest Woods, Trees, or Underbush, being public or private property, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and on being convicted thereof in a summary manner, before any Justice of the Peace shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Twenty Pounds, or imprisoned in Gaol for a period not exceeding Six Months; or such person may be indicted for such offence, and tried and sentenced to the like punishment, by and before any Court of Record in this Colony.

Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to deprive any person who may be injured by such firing and burning of his property of his right of action at law for such damages as he may sustain by reason thereof.