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Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America, passed in the year 1823. York: Charles Fothergill, 1823.

4 George IV – Chapter 37

An Act for the better Preservation of the Herring Fishery at the Outlet of Burlington Bay. Passed 19th March, 1823.

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the preservation of the Herring Fishery at the Outlet of Burlington Bay, in the Gore District, Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entituled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entituled 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, to take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, by setting or drawing any net or nets, weir or weirs, seine or seines, any Herring at the Outlet of Burlington Bay, or within two hundred yards of the said Outlet on the shore of Lake Ontario, between the first day of September and the first day in January inclusive, in each and every year, at any other days or times, than Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall be convicted before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Gore District, on the oath of one credible witness other than the informer, of infringing the provisions of the foregoing clause, such person or persons respectively, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Five Shillings, with costs, or in default of payment, be committed to the Common Gaol of the District for a term not exceeding thirty days, nor less that two days, unless the penalty and costs shall be sooner paid; one half the said penalty to be paid to the informer or informers, and the other half into the hands of His Majesty's Receiver General, to and for the public uses of this Province, to be accounted for to His Majesty through the Lords Commissioners of His Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall be graciously pleased to direct.