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An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the hunting of wild animals and other game in Lower Canada.

[Assented to 10th June, 1857.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law for the preservation of game and wild fowl in Lower Canada: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Time for killing deer, &c.

I. No deer, moose, elk, reindeer or cariboo, shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the first of March and the first of September in any year.

Partridge, &c.

II. No grouse, partridge, ptarmigan or pheasant shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the first of March and the first of September in any year.

Woodcock, &c.

III. No woodcock or snipe shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the first of March and the first of August in any year.

Water-fowl.

IV. No wild swan, goose of any kind, or duck of the kinds known as the mallard, grey duck, black duck, wood duck, or any of the kinds of duck known as teal, shall be hunted, taken or killed, between the fifteenth of May and the first of September in any year.

Having such game at an unlawful time prohibited.

V. No person shall have in his possession any of the animals, or parts of the animals, or any of the birds hereinbefore mentioned, within the periods above prohibited, without lawful excuse, the proof whereof to be on the party charged.

Punishment for offences against this Act.

VI. Any offence against any provision of this Act shall be punished, on conviction before one Justice of the Peace, by a fine not exceeding five pounds nor less than five shillings, in the discretion of such Justice, with all the costs; and in default of immediate payment of fine and costs, by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month; one half of such fine to go to the Treasurer of the City or Municipality wherein the conviction shall have been obtained and the other half to the informer, who may be a witness.

Application of fines.

Inconsistent enactments repealed.

VII. All Acts, Ordinances, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Indians excepted.

VIII. This Act shall not apply to Indians.

Act confined to L. C.

IX. This Act shall apply only to Lower Canada.