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An Act to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill-dams or Streams, in the District of Huron. (29th March, 1845.)

Whereas divers owners of Mill-dams in the District of Huron, have not complied with the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of Upper Canada, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King George the Fourth, and intituled, “An Act to provide for the Construction of Aprons to Mill Dams over certain Streams in this Province,” and it is expedient to make more effectual provision for facilitating the passing of rafts, and the ascent of fish on the streams on which dams are erected in the said District: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, “An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada,” and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the owner or occupier of every Dam or Weir erected on any river or stream in the District of Huron in Upper Canada, who shall not before the passing of this Act have complied with the requirements of the Act herein first, above cited, shall, on or before the first day of June next after the passing of this Act, if the Dam or Weir was erected before the passing hereof, and at the time of constructing such Dam or Weir if it be erected after the passing hereof, construct a good and sufficient Apron to such Dam or Weir, at least twenty eight feet, wide, (if the Dam or Weir be of greater width, and if not, then of the same width as the Dam or Weir) and at least eight feet in length for every foot rise of such Dam or Weir, under a penalty of five shillings currency, for each day during which the requirements of this Act shall remain uncomplished; and such penalty shall be recoverable before any two Justices of the Peace for the District in which the offence shall be committed, on the oath of one credible witness; and if not paid, may be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, by warrant under the hand and seal of such Justices or either of them; and one moiety of such penalty shall belong to Her Majesty for the public uses of the Province, and the other moiety to the prosecutor.