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An Act for the regulation of Hunting and the preservation of Game. 30th August, 1851.

Whereas the mode of hunting followed in certain cases, tends to the destruction of Game and to diminish the number of the Birds of Passage which frequent the shores and shoals of the County of Kamouraska in great numbers: 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, and 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 spring shooting season shall only commence on the Eighth of April, in each year, and it shall not be lawful to shoot any Game (*Gibier*) frequenting the beach and shoals in the County of Kamouraska, before the Eighth of April, nor after the Thirtieth of May in any year, for the spring shooting.

II. It shall not be lawful to shoot any of the said Game before the Fifteenth of September in any year, which day shall be considered as the beginning of the fall shooting season, which shall last so long as the Game shall remain on the shore.

III. It shall not be lawful at any time, nor in any manner, to hunt Game during the night, nor to shoot Game when it has alighted on or when it is flying over the shoals after sunset and before sunrise, except ducks which may be shot for the space of one hour after sunset.

IV. It shall not be lawful to go in quest of Game on the beach and shoals at low water, nor to hunt Game by approaching it when it is feeding at low water.

V. Provided always, That this prohibition to hunt Game at low water, shall not be construed to prevent the shooting of Game on its passage, by persons on the watch on the points of land, and in the description of shelter called "Gabions," erected on the beach and shoals, provided this Method of hunting be used without following the Game, during the day time, and within the periods above fixed for the spring and fall shooting seasons.

VI. The destruction or carrying away of the eggs of any species of wild fowl, is by this Act prohibited in any part of Lower Canada, under the penalties hereinafter provided.

VII. Every contravention of the above provisions, shall be punished by a fine of One Pound for the first offence, and Two Pounds for every subsequent offence; and the said fines may be sued for and recovered before any Magistrate within the limits of his jurisdiction, and in the manner and form prescribed in such cases.

VIII. This Act shall only apply to the County of Kamouraska, except the sixth section which applies to the whole of Lower Canada, and shall remain in force until it shall be repealed or amended by the authority aforesaid.