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Bill 69, An Act to Amend the Game Act

The first page of this Bill is missing.

- (b) By inserting after the words "and as respects any other violation of this Act" the words "save as is herein otherwise provided."

7. Section 29a is added to the said Act as follows:

"29a. Any person, firm or company making an incorrect return shall be deemed to have violated a provision of this Act within the meaning of the preceding section."

8. Section 31 of the said Act is amended by adding after the words "trafficked in during the previous month" the words "and the name of the person from whom such pelts or skins were obtained or purchased and the date of every such transaction."

9. Section 31cc is added to the said Act as follows:

"31cc. Every railway or express company or other person or corporation being a common carrier shall, on or before the tenth day of each month, send to the Department of Agriculture a return showing the shipments of pelts or skins of any wild animals received for transport or transported by it or him beyond the boundaries of the province.

"(2) Such return shall specify the date of such shipments, the name of the consignor and the number of his export license and shall contain the detailed statement hereinafter provided for.

"(3) Each person so exporting pelts or skins of wild animals shall give to the agent of the carrier an accurate and detailed written statement of all such pelts and skins.

"(4) Each person so exporting the pelt or skin of a wild animal shall produce and show to the agent of the carrier his export license, and the agent shall endorse thereon or upon the form attached thereto the name of the exporter, the date of the receipt of the shipment and the number of packages or bales comprised in the shipment and the nature of their contents.

"(5) Any such exporter shall, where necessary, have attached to his license a form capable of receiving the endorsement herein provided for."

10. Section 31d of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

"31d. A tax shall be paid on each pelt or skin of a wild animal and the onus of proof that the tax has been paid shall be upon the person or persons in whose possession such pelt or skin is found.

"(2) In order to carry out the intent of this section the Lieutenant Governor in Council may

make such regulations as may be considered necessary and may specify the skins and pelts to be taxed under this section and the tax to be collected with respect to each such pelt or skin and the method of collection of the same.

“(3) Until any further or other regulations are made under the authority of the preceding subsection the regulations in force upon the first day of March, 1921, shall continue.

“(4) Every person required to take out a license under the provisions of sections 31 or 31c of this Act shall permit any game guardian acting under written instructions from the chief game guardian to enter on his premises at any time and to inspect all pelts or skins found therein.”

11. Section 31e is added to the said Act as follows:

“**31e.** Any person evading or attempting to evade, or failing to pay, or refusing the payment of any tax required under the provisions of this Act, or duplicating, imitating or forging any stamp, brand, mark or signature placed on any pelt or skin under regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not less than ten dollars and costs for each such duplication, imitation, forgery, evasion, attempt to evade, failure or refusal.”

12. Section 31f is added to the said Act as follows:

“**31f.** When any pelt or skin of a wild animal is found in the possession of any person, firm or company by a game guardian, and such person, firm or company refuses forthwith to pay the tax hereinbefore imposed with respect to such pelt or skin, then such guardian shall seize the same.

“(2) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, no penalty imposed under the provisions of section 31e of this Act shall be less than the amount of the tax due in respect of the pelts and skins seized and the amount of such taxes shall be payable to the Minister out of the said penalty when imposed.

“(3) If the amount of any taxes due in respect of pelts or skins in regard to which a conviction has been secured is not paid, the justice may make an order for the sale of the same with directions that the penalty imposed including the taxes due shall be paid out of the proceeds of such sale and that the surplus, if any, shall be returned to the person in whose possession the pelts or skins were found, or the owner of the pelts or skins, as may seem good to the justice.”

13. Section 35*a* is added to the said Act as follows:

“**35*a*.** All guardians shall have power to issue licenses or permits to carry firearms.

“(2) Every guardian issuing a permit in form 76 referred to in section 118 of *The Criminal Code* may charge a fee of twenty-five cents for every such license or permit.”

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