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No. 46 of 1927.

An Act to amend The Game Act.

(Assented to _____, 1927.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Game Act Amendment Act, 1927.*"

2. Section 4 of *The Game Act*, being chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended—

- (a) as to subsection (1), paragraph (c), by striking out the words "before the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five," and substituting therefor the words "at any time";
- (b) as to subsection (4) thereof, by striking out the words "two dollars and fifty cents," and substituting therefor the words "five dollars"; and by striking out the words "twenty-five dollars," and substituting therefor the words "fifty dollars."

3. Section 5 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) as to subsection (1)—
 - (i) by striking out of paragraph (c) thereof, the words "any bird of the families *Scolopacidae* and *Charadriidae*, commonly known as black-bellied plover (*Squatarola squatarola*), American golden plover (*Charadius dominicus*), greater yellow-legs (*Totanus melanoleucus*), and yellow-legs (*Totanus flavipes*)";
 - (ii) by adding as paragraph (cc) immediately after paragraph (c), the following:

"(cc) any bird of the families *Scolopacidae* and *Charadriidae*, commonly known as black-bellied plover (*Squatarola squatarola*), American golden plover (*Charadius dominicus*), greater yellow-legs (*Totanus melanoleucus*), and yellow-legs (*Totanus flavipes*), before the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two";
 - (iii) as to paragraph (d), by striking out the word "pheasant" and adding at the end thereof the following proviso:

“Provided, that no person shall hunt, trap, take, shoot at, wound or kill ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, at any time”;

- (iv) by striking out paragraph (f);
- (b) as to subsection (3)—
 - (i) by striking out the words “of the family *Tetraonidae*” where they first occur;
 - (ii) by adding after the words “in one season” where they first occur, the words “or more than fifteen geese”;
 - (iii) by striking out the words “birds of the family *Phasianidae*” and substituting therefor the words “European grey partridge, commonly called Hungarian partridge.”

4. Section 5a of the said Act is amended—

- (a) by striking out the words and figures “section 4 or section 5” and substituting therefor the words and figures “sections 4, 5 or 6”;
- (b) by adding after the word “game,” the words “or fur-bearing animal.”

5. Section 6 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) as to subsection (1) thereof—
 - (i) by striking out of paragraph (a) the word “fox,” and adding at the end thereof, the words “or any fox between the first day of March and the first day of November”;
 - (ii) by striking out of paragraph (c) the words “any muskrat between the first day of May and the first day of December” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “any muskrat between the first day of May and the first day of March next following,” and by adding at the end of the proviso to the said paragraph the following proviso:

“Provided that in the section of the Province lying to the north of Township 90, the trapping of muskrats shall be prohibited between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of March next following.”
 - (iii) by striking out of paragraph (d) the words “one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five,” and substituting therefor the words “one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five”;
- (b) by adding as subsection (6) thereof the following:

(6) No person shall at any time, except under a special permit, shoot, shoot at, or spear any muskrat.”

6. Sections 7a and 7b are added to the said Act, immediately after section 7, as follows:

“7a. The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power to make regulations concerning the management, in-

spection and conduct of game and fur farms, and to impose a licence on persons conducting the same, and prescribe the fee therefor.

“7b. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the Minister to enter into an agreement with the Dominion Government for the lease of any Dominion lands and water areas in the Province, for the propagation of fur-bearing animals, and to sub-let such areas to approved applicants under regulations of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.”

7. Section 12*a* is added to the said Act, immediately after section 12, as follows:

“12*a*. No person shall at any time, use or set a snare for the capture of any wild animal other than rabbits, except on land occupied by him, which is enclosed by a fence:

“Provided, however, that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the use of snares for the capture of wild animals under such regulations, and subject to such restrictions, as he may otherwise prescribe.”

8. Section 19 of the said Act is amended—

(*a*) by striking out subsections (2) and (3) and substituting therefor the following:

“(2) The fees to be paid therefor shall be fifty dollars for a license to hunt big game and game birds; five dollars for a license to hunt game birds; and fifty dollars for a license to trap fur-bearing animals.

“(3) All such licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next following the date of issue.”

(*b*) by striking out subsection (5) thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

“(5) The holder of a big game license, issued in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to a free permit (on surrender of his license) to export his trophies, consisting of the head, skin and hoofs of any big game animal that has been legally killed by him.”

9. Section 21 of the said Act is amended as to subsection (2), by striking out the words “an affidavit sworn before a justice of the peace, or a commissioner for oaths, or a game guardian,” and substituting therefor the following: “a statement signed by him and duly witnessed.”

10. Section 26 of the said Act is amended by adding as subsection (2) thereof, the following:

“(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power to make regulations calculated to preserve and protect wild animals and birds within a game preserve.”

11. Section 28 of the said Act is amended by adding as subsection (3) thereof, the following:

“(3) No person shall allow his dog or dogs to run at large in any game preserve.”

12. This Act shall come into force when assented to.

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