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CHAPTER CXXXV.

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE CULTIVATING, RAISING AND PROPAGATING TROUT AND OTHER FISH.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. Any person or persons desirous of engaging in the business of cultivating, raising, propagating and preserving trout and other fish upon his or their premises, or upon premises hired or let for such purpose, shall have the right, and are hereby authorized to erect, construct and maintain upon such premises, dams, sluices, screens, wires, pens and other fixtures, buildings and obstructions, as may by them be deemed necessary for such purposes; *Provided*, Such dams, sluices and other contrivances shall in no way obstruct the navigation of any navigable waters, or interfere with or injure any mill or other water privilege as now enjoyed, or authorize the overflowing of any lands not owned or leased by the persons engaged in said business, or in any way interfere with the rights previously acquired by other persons or corporations.

Authorized to erect dams, sluices, etc., for propagating fish—not to obstruct navigation.

SEC. 2. Such person or persons shall have the exclusive contract [control] and own all such fish as by him or them are raised, cultivated or propagated, and may at any time catch and dispose of the same in any way, or in any of the markets of the state or elsewhere.

Disposal of, at any time.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons who shall, without authority of the owner of said premises, tear down, destroy, or cause to be destroyed, or shall injure or cause to be injured, any dam, sluice, screen, pen, building, or other contrivance erected or constructed pursuant to the provisions of this act, for the purposes aforesaid, or any person or persons who shall, without permission of the owner or owners of the premises, catch, or cause to be caught, in any way or manner, trout or other fish from any of the waters appropriated by the owners to the purposes aforesaid; or any person or persons who shall place or cause to be placed in such water any sun fish, pickerel or other fish, or poison, destructive to the fish therein being raised, cultivated or propagated, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be subject to a fine for each offense of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars, and in default thereof, to be imprisoned in the county jail not less than thirty nor more than ninety days, and shall be liable to the owners of the premises in civil action in treble damages.

Penalty for destroying dams, &c.

SEC. 4. That said person or persons so engaging in the raising, cultivating and propagating trout and other fish, shall post upon the said premises, in at least three conspicuous places, durable signs, setting forth that such premises are devoted to the purposes of a fish pond, pound or preserve, and that thereafter any person or persons entering upon said premises without permission or authority, shall be deemed guilty of trespass, and upon conviction thereof, shall pay a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each offense, and in default of payment thereof, to be imprisoned to [in] the county jail not less than ten nor more than thirty day.

Trespass, penalty for.

SEC. 5. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine all cases arising under this act, except when the damages claimed exceed one hundred dollars.

Jurisdiction of Justice of the peace.

SEC. 6. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 9, 1875.

CHAPTER CXXXVI.

AN ACT TO FIX THE SALARIES OF THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The judges of the supreme court shall each receive a salary of four thousand dollars per annum.

Salary of Judges.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1875.

When act to take effect.

CHAPTER CXXXVII.

AN ACT FOR THE TAKING OF A CENSUS AND FOR THE ENUMERATION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The assessors of the several towns in this state, under the direction of the county auditors of their respective