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CHAPTER 320.

The Wolf Bounty Act.

1. In this Act and in the regulations,—

- (a) "Department" shall mean Department of Game and Fisheries; Interpretation.
"Department."
- (b) "Provisional Judicial District" shall include the Provisional County of Haliburton; "Provisional Judicial District."
- (c) "Regulations" shall mean regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under the authority of this Act. 1924, c. 81, s. 2. "Regulations."

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such regulations as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the administration and enforcement of this Act. 1924, c. 81, s. 3. Regulations.

3. The regulations shall come into force upon publication thereof in the *Ontario Gazette*, or upon such later date as may be stated. 1924, c. 81, s. 4. Promulgation of regulations.

4. Where in any county a person has killed a wolf and produces the whole skin of the same, within a period of six months after the killing of the wolf, before the treasurer of the county, or before a police magistrate, district warden or such officer as the Minister may appoint, together with an affidavit in the form supplied by the Department, stating the place where and the date when the wolf was killed and that such wolf was not kept in captivity while it was under the age of three months, together with such other particulars as may be required, the treasurer, police magistrate, warden or officer shall give to the person producing the skin, a certificate in the form provided by the Department. 1927, c. 87, s. 2. Proof of killing by applicant for bounty.

5. Upon the delivery of such certificate by the person named therein to the treasurer of the county, together with the whole skin of the wolf, within a period of one month from the date of the certificate, the treasurer shall pay to such person the sum of \$15 as a bounty on either a timber or a brush wolf which is three months of age or over, and \$5 as a bounty on either a timber or brush wolf under the age of three months. 1925, c. 77, s. 2. Bounties payable by county.

Repayment
to county by
Province.

6. Upon the delivery of said certificate, completed to the satisfaction of the Department, together with the whole skin of the wolf to the Department, the corporation of the county shall be entitled to receive forty per centum of the sum so paid, out of such money as may from time to time be appropriated by the Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty, but before payment is made to the county the Department shall be satisfied that the bounty has been correctly paid, and the decision of the Department as to the age and class of wolf shall be final. 1924, c. 81, s. 7.

Proof of
killing, etc.,
in provi-
sional
judicial
district.

7. Where any wolf has been killed in a provisional judicial district, the skin may be produced before a police magistrate, a district warden for the Department, the clerk of the district court, or such officer as the Department may appoint. 1924, c. 81, s. 8.

Certificate.

8.—(1) Upon the like proof as set forth in section 4, the officer before whom the skin is produced may give the certificate mentioned in section 4, provided such skin is produced within a period of ten months after the killing of such wolf, and upon the delivery of such certificate, which has been completed in a manner satisfactory to the Department, together with the whole skin of the wolf, the person named in the certificate shall be entitled to receive out of such moneys as may be appropriated by the Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty, the sum of \$15 as a bounty on either a timber or a brush wolf which is three months of age or over, and \$5 as a bounty on either a timber or brush wolf under the age of three months. 1925, c. 77, s. 3.

Age to be
determined
by Depart-
ment.

(2) All payments for bounties on wolves under or over the age of three months shall be subject to the decision of the Department, whose decision shall be final. 1924, c. 81, s. 9 (2).

In Provin-
cial parks.

9. Where a claim is made for the payment of bounty for any wolf killed in a provincial park, the affidavit may be taken and the certificate may be given by the superintendent of such park, or before such officer named in section 7. 1924, c. 81, s. 10.

Disposal of
skin.

10. Before payment of the bounty to the corporation of the county or directly to the person killing the wolf, the whole skin shall be delivered to the Department or to such person or persons as the Department may designate for the purpose, and shall become the property of the Crown, and may be disposed of in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe. 1924, c. 81, s. 11.

11. In case of any claim heretofore or hereafter made, whenever the Department is satisfied that the person killing any wolf or that the corporation of the county which is paid a wolf bounty is justly entitled to receive the bounty, the Department may make requisition on the Treasurer of Ontario, and a cheque shall be issued in payment thereof, notwithstanding any defect in the affidavit or certificate, or any doubt as to the authority of the officer taking such affidavit or giving such certificate, and in such case the Provincial Auditor shall forthwith, without further audit or examination, countersign such cheque. 1924, c. 81, s. 12.

Claims may be paid notwithstanding errors in proofs.
