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CHAPTER 264.

An Act to encourage the Destruction of Wolves.

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

- Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as *The Wolf Bounty Act*. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 1.
- Interpretation. **2.** In this Act,
- “County.” (a) “County” shall not include the Provisional County of Haliburton;
- “Regulations.” (b) “Regulations” shall mean regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under the authority of this Act;
- “Wolf.” (c) “Wolf” shall mean a grey timber wolf. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 2.
- Oath and certificate of killing of wolf in county. **3.** Where a person who has killed a wolf in any county or within one mile of any actual settlement in a county produces the skin of the wolf before the sheriff or treasurer of such county, or before a police magistrate, a clerk of the division court, or before such officer as the Treasurer of Ontario may approve of, together with an affidavit in the form prescribed by the Regulations stating the place where and the date when the wolf was killed, with such other particulars as may be prescribed by the Regulations, the sheriff, treasurer, police magistrate, clerk of the division court or other officer shall give to the person producing the skin a certificate in the form prescribed by the Regulations. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 3.
- Bounty payable by county. **4.** Upon the delivery of such certificate by the person named therein to the treasurer of the county, together with the skin of the wolf, the treasurer shall pay to such person the sum of \$15 as a bounty upon the killing of the wolf. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 4.
- Part of bounty to be recouped county by Province. **5.** Upon the delivery of such certificate and the skin of the wolf to the Treasurer of Ontario the corporation of the county shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$6 upon every bounty of \$15 so paid out of such money as may from time to time be appropriated by this Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 5.

6.—(1) Where a wolf has been killed in a provisional judicial district the skin may be produced before a Judge of the District Court, a police magistrate, a clerk of the division court, the sheriff of the district, an agent of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, the Clerk of the District Court, a notary public, a commissioner for taking affidavits or a justice of the peace in and for such district. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 6 (1); 3-4 Geo. V. c. 18, s. 44.

Oath and certificate of killing of wolf in district.

(2) Where a wolf has been killed in the Provisional County of Haliburton the skin may be produced before a police magistrate, an agent of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, or a clerk of a division court in the Provisional County, a Judge of the County Court of the County of Victoria, the Clerk of the said Court or the sheriff of the said county.

In Haliburton.

(3) Upon the like proof as set forth in section 3 the Judge or officer before whom the skin is produced may give the certificate mentioned in section 3, and upon the delivery of such certificate and the skin of the wolf the person named in the certificate shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer of Ontario the sum of \$15 out of such money as may be appropriated by this Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 6 (2), (3).

Certificate.

7. Where a claim is made for the payment of bounty for a wolf killed in Algonquin Park, the affidavit may be taken and the certificate may be given by the Superintendent of the Park, and it shall not be necessary to show that the person killing the wolf had the special license provided for by section 9 of *The Provincial Parks Act*. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 7.

When wolf killed in Algonquin Park.

Rev. Stat. c. 52.

8. Before payment of the bounty to the corporation of the County or directly to the person killing the wolf the skin shall be delivered to the Treasurer of Ontario, or to such person as he may designate for that 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. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 8.

Skin to be delivered to Treasurer of Ontario.

9. In case of any claim heretofore or hereafter made, whenever the Treasurer of Ontario is satisfied that the person killing a wolf or the corporation of the county which has paid a wolf bounty is justly entitled to receive the bounty, he may direct the issue of a cheque 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. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 9.

Claims may be paid notwithstanding errors in proofs.

Regulations.

10. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act, and copies of such regulations together with the forms therein prescribed shall be transmitted by the Treasurer of Ontario to the officers mentioned in sections 3 and 6 of this Act. 1 Geo. V. c. 77, s. 10.