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Inland Waters Fisheries.

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(b) Section sixty-seven.

In the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty 1 assent to this Act.

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Government House, 28th December, 1887.

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INLAND WATERS FISHERIES BILL.

SCHEDULE of Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd December, 1887.

Page 1, Preamble, line 5. After "'1881'") insert "hereinafter termed the Principal Act" Page 1, clause 1, lines 13 and 14. Omit "'Fisheries Act, 1881,' (forty-fourth Victoria, number twenty-six)" insert " Principal Act" Page 1, clause 1, line 19. After "lakes" insert "lagoons and ponds" Page 2, clause 1, lines 1 and 2. Omit "to be made under the 'Fisheries Act, 1881,'" Page 2, clause 1, line 3. Omit "said last mentioned" insert " Principal" Page 2, clause 1, line 4. Add "s" to "include" Page 2, clause 2, line 13. Omit "river or creek" insert "inland waters and any person using any such "unlawful net shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds" Page 2, clause 2, line 20. Omit " and not less than two pounds" Page 2, clause 2, line 21. Omit "and not less than five" Page 2, clause 2, line 22. After "pounds" insert " and any such net shall be deemed an unlawful net" Page 2, clause 2, lines 23 to 25. Omit "Any person using an unlawful net shall be liable to a penalty not "exceeding five pounds nor less than ten shillings for every such offence and" Page 2, clause 3, line 35. Before "declare" insert "if so advised by the Commissioners" Page 2, clause 3, line 36. Omit "nearest" Page 2, clause 3, line 36. After "District" insert "within which the waters proclaimed are situated" Omit "river, creek, or lake" insert " inland waters" Page 2, clause 3, line 38. Omit "so" Page 2, clause 3, line 40. Omit "by the Commissioners" insert "as aforesaid" Page 2, clause 3, line 41. Page 2, clause 4. Omit subsection "(II)" Page 3, clause 4. At end of clause add "as well as all fish found in his possession". Page 3, clause 6, line 21. Omit "Fisheries Act, 1881," insert "Principal Act" Omit "Fisheries Act, 1881," insert "Principal Act" Page 3, clause 6, line 29. Omit "in New South Wales" Page 3, clause 6, line 32. Page 3, clause 7, line 33. Omit "a distance of at least sixty-six feet shall separate all nets" After "affixing" insert "a" Page 3, clause 7, line 34. Omit "s" from "nets" Page 3, clause 7, line 34. Omit "river, creek, or other watercourse" insert "inland waters" Page 3, clause 7, line 34. Pag+3, clause 7, line 35. After "feet" insert "from the next nearest net" After "to" omit remainder of clause, insert "a penalty not exceeding ten Page 3, clause 7, line 36. pounds" Page 3, clause 8, line 38. Omit "Fisheries Act, 1881, hereafter" insert "Principal Act hereinafter"

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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 30 November, 1887. } STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 22nd December, 1887. } JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO PRIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent as far as possible the destruc- Preamble. tion of Fish in the Inland Waters of this Colony, although such fish may not be included in the definition of fish contained in the Act forty-fourth Victoria, number twenty-six ("The Fisheries Act, 5 1881"), hereinafter termed the Principal Act, and it is also expedient to make further provision for the protection of the fresh-water fishes specified in the First Schedule to the said Act. Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New 10 South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the

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 (I) This Act may be cited as the "Inland Waters Fisheries short title, &c.
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 15 Act amending the same, so far as any such Act applies to the inland

waters of this Colony.

(II) In this Act the expression "inland waters" includes all Interpretation. rivers and creeks for that portion of their watercourse which is beyond the influence of the tides, also all fresh-water lakes, lagoons and ponds. 157— "Prescribed"

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- 30 (IV) Nothing in this section contained shall apply to the Saving. owner of the soil or bed of any inland waters using or setting a net within such waters to capture fish for breeding purposes, or for stocking a fishery, or for his own consumption only.
- 3. The Governor may from time to time if so advised by the Governor may close 35 Commissioners declare, by proclamation in the *Gazette* and in some inland waters against net-fishing. newspaper circulating in the nearest Police District within which the waters proclaimed are situated, that the whole or any defined portion of any river, creek, or lake, inland waters shall be closed against the use of all fishing-nets for such term, as the Governor shall think fit;
- 40 but any such proclamation may be extended by the Governor, if se advised by the Commissioners, as aforesaid, or may in like manner be rescinded at any time.

4. (1) If any person, after the expiration of sixty days from Penalty on net-the date of any such proclamation or extended proclamation, and fishing in closed waters.

45 during the currency thereof, shall cast, haul, stake, fix, or place any net of any kind whatever for the purpose of taking or capturing fish within the limits of the waters or area defined in such proclamation, such person shall be liable for the first offence to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and for the second or any subsequent offence, to a

50 penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

(II) Every person convicted under this section shall, if Forfeiture of holding a license under this Act, be deemed by conviction to have forfeited-his-license.

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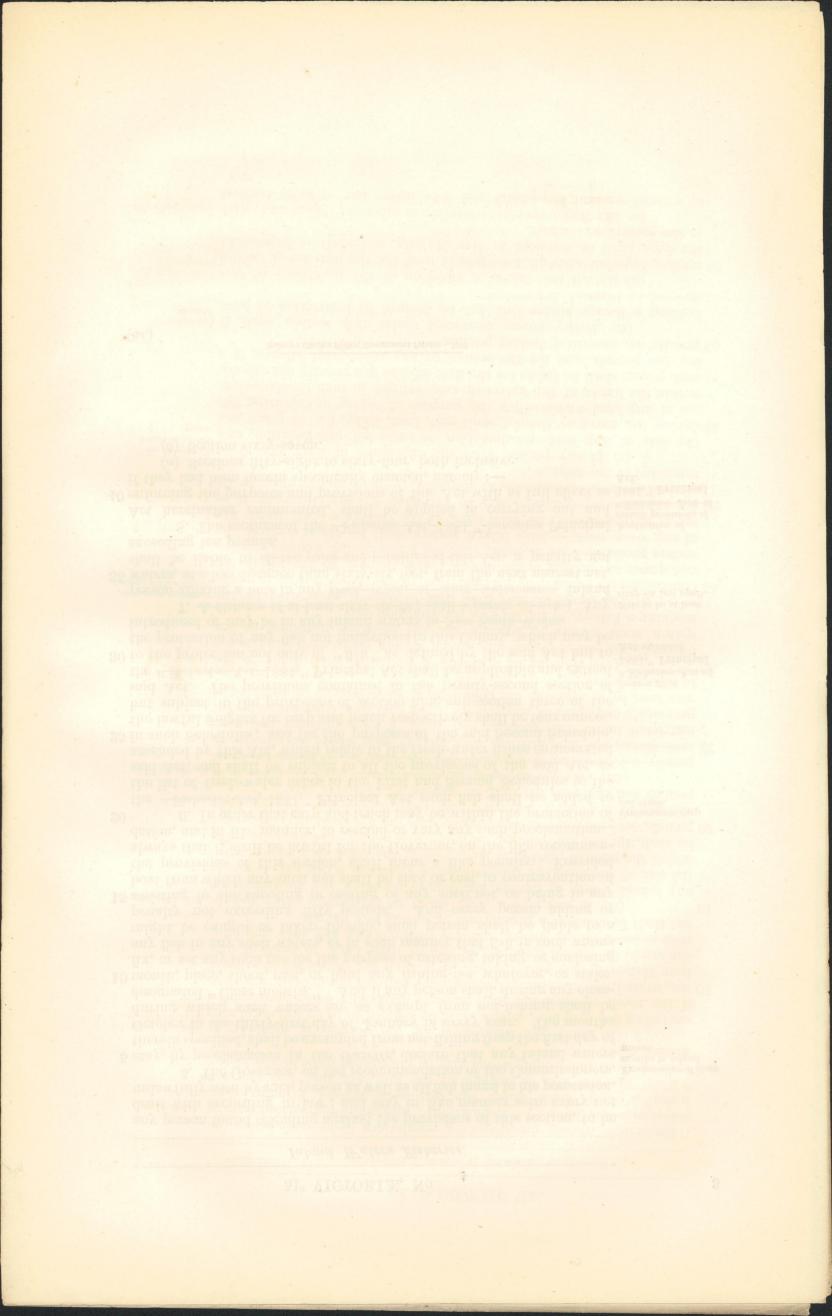
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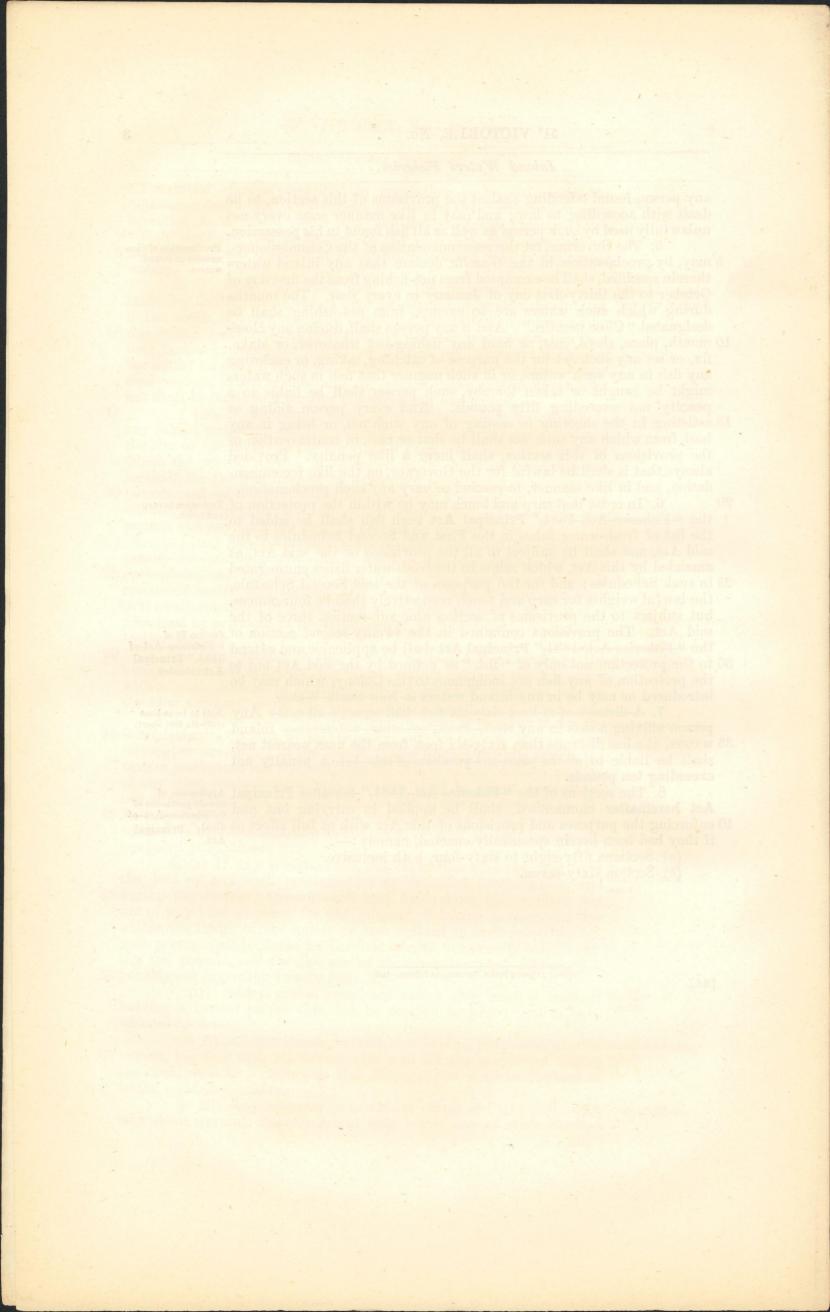
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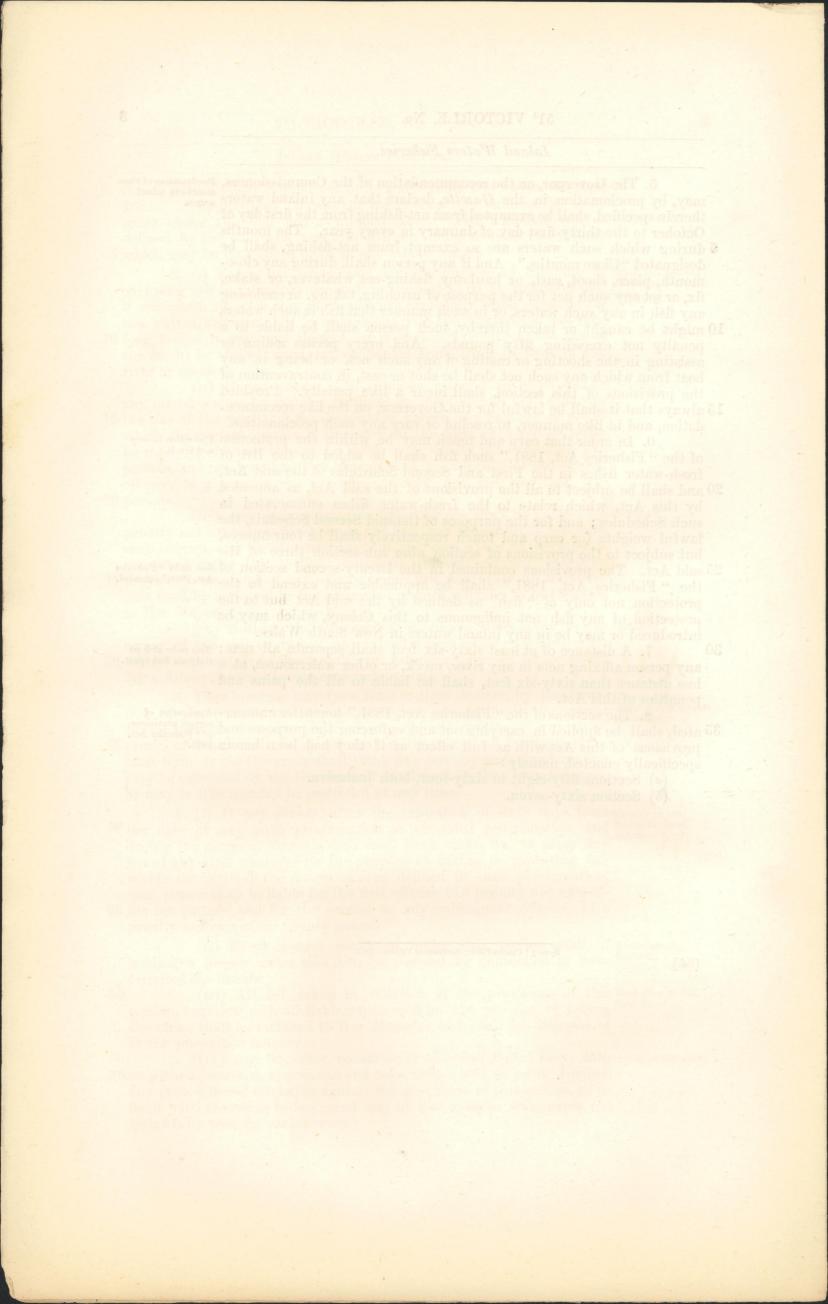
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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 30 November, 1887. SIER HER W. SORES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

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An Act for the better preservation of Fish in Inland Waters.

HEREAS it is expedient to prevent as far as possible the destruc- Preamble. **VV** tion of Fish in the Inland Waters of this Colony, although such fish may not be included in the definition of fish contained in the Act forty-fourth Victoria, number twenty-six ("The Fisheries Act, 5 1881"), and it is also expedient to make further provision for the protection of the fresh-water fishes specified in the First Schedule to the said Act. Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council

(forty-fourth Victoria, number twenty-six) and with any Act amending the same, so far as any such Act applies to the inland waters of this 15 Colony.

(II) In this Act the expression "inland waters" includes all Interpretation. rivers and creeks for that portion of their watercourse which is beyond the influence of the tides, also all fresh-water lakes. "Prescribed" 157means

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means prescribed by regulations to be made under the "Fisheries Act, 1881." "Regulations" means the regulations now or hereafter to be made under the said last-mentioned Act. "Fish" include fish as defined by the said Act, and also fish not indigenous to this Colony 5 which may be introduced or be in any inland waters.

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 - (II) If any person shall catch or attempt to catch fish in As to bag nets, &c. any inland waters by casting, hauling, or shooting any net (whatever
- 15 the size of the mesh) of the description known as a bag net, or net of which the central portion is elongated in the form of a cod or purse he shall, for the first offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, and not less than two pounds, and for a second or subsequent offence, to a penalty not exceeding twenty, and not less than five 20 pounds.

(III) Any person using an unlawful net shall be liable to a Forfeiture. penalty not exceeding five pounds nor less than ten shillings for every such offence, and the Justices may, in any case where an offender is convicted under this section, and shall, if such offender has been

25 previously convicted of any offence under this Act, order all unlawful nets used by or found in the possession of such offender to be forfeited to Her Majesty.

(IV) Nothing in this section contained shall apply to the Saving. owner of the soil or bed of any inland waters using or setting a net 30 within such waters to capture fish for breeding purposes, or for stock-

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50 (III) All fish taken in violation of the provisions of this Forfeiture of fish, section, together with all fishing-nets used for the purpose of taking nets, &c. the same, shall be forfeited to Her Majesty, and shall be disposed of in the prescribed manner.

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