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or kill any kind of fish at any time in Sunday river, so-called, which waters are situated in the town of Bethel and in the town of Newry, and in Riley Plantation, in the county of Oxford, or in any of the tributaries to said river, except it shall be lawful to fish in said Sunday river below "The Forks," so-called, in said Riley Plantation, in accordance with the general law of the state, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any kind of fish taken in violation of any provision of this act.

Sec. 2. Penalties. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than thirty dollars and costs for each offense, and one dollar additional for each fish taken, caught, killed or had in possession in violation of any provision of this act.

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction granted to trial justices, police and municipal courts. Trial justices, police and municipal courts, within their respective counties shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial courts and superior courts in all prosecutions arising under this act.

Approved March 25, 1925.

Chapter 55.

An Act Relating to the Trapping of Fur-bearing Animals.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 50; 1917, c. 244; 1919, c. 196; relating to licenses for trapping fur-bearing animals, amended. Section fifty of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen and by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 50. License fee for organized territory \$5; minors under sixteen years trapping in organized territory exempt; trapping on own or leased land exempt; report to be made on or before Dec. 31; penalties decreased. Whoever hunts, captures or traps any fur-bearing animal, or animals, except bobcats, loupceviers or Canada Lynx, anywhere in the state, shall annually procure a license therefor from the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, paying therefor a fee of ten dollars for such hunting or trapping provided, however, that the annual fee for such hunting or trapping within the limits of the cities, towns and plantations of the state

shall be five dollars; provided, further, that whoever hunts, captures or traps any beaver on any land anywhere in the state opened to beaver trapping by said commissioner shall pay therefor a fee of twenty-five dollars annually. The provisions of this section shall not be construed as applying to minors under sixteen years of age who desire to hunt or trap fur-bearing animals except beaver (for which a twenty-five dollar trapping license is required) in any of the organized townships of the state, nor as affecting the right of a bona fide resident of this state, or his immediate family, to hunt or trap fur-bearing animals (except beaver) in accordance with the laws of the state, without such trapping license, on land owned by him or on land leased by him and on which he is actually domiciled within the limits of an organized township, and which land is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

Each person licensed under the provisions of this section shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December of each year, make such report to said commissioner as may be called for by him.

Whoever hunts, captures or traps any fur-bearing animal, or animals, anywhere in the state, in violation of any provision of this section, or whoever fails to file the annual report required by this section, shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense. Whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing animal, or part or parts thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to the same penalty.

Provided, however, that whoever hunts, captures or traps any beaver anywhere in the state, in violation of any provision of this section, shall pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense. Whoever has in possession at any time any beaver or part or parts thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this section, shall be subject to the same penalty.'

Approved March 25, 1925.

Chapter 56.

An Act to Regulate the Taking of Muskrats in Certain Territory in Washington, Hancock and Oxford Counties.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Closed time for trapping muskrats in certain localities established. For a period of three years from the time this act takes effect, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, kill, pursue or catch any muskrat, or muskrats, in or on the banks of the East Machias river, or