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thence by said railroad easterly to the Mousam river; thence southeasterly by said river to the above named state highway; thence by said state highway to the point of beginning containing four thousand acres more or less.

Provided; however, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the trapping of fur-bearing animals within the above described territory in accordance with the general laws of the state applying to the trapping of fur-bearing animals.

Sec. 2. Possession prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any wild bird or wild animal, or part or parts thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this act.

Sec. 3. Penalties. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than three hundred dollars and costs for each offense or imprisonment for sixty days or both said fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 4. Jurisdiction of offenses granted to trial justices, police and municipal courts. In all prosecutions arising under this act, municipal and police courts and trial justices, within their respective counties, shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court and superior courts.

Approved April 11, 1927.

Chapter 112.

An Act Relating to the Protection of Wild Hares or Rabbits.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 49; 1923, c. 53; 1925, c. 69; relating to closed time on rabbits or wild hares, amended. Section forty-nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter fifty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and as amended by chapter sixty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

Sec. 49. Transportation beyond limits of state prohibited, except persons holding non-resident hunting license may transport those he has legally killed; penalties increased. There shall be an annual closed season on wild hares or rabbits in the counties of Androscoggin, Sagadahoc and York during the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, and

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September of each year, and in the counties of Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Cumberland during the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September of each year, during which respective closed seasons it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill, catch, pursue or have any rabbits or parts thereof in possession, except alive.

No person shall set or use any snare or snares, trap or traps, or any other device in the hunting, pursuing or killing of wild hares or rabbits, or hunt or kill the same in any manner except in the ordinary method of shooting with guns in the usual manner; provided, however, it shall be lawful to catch wild hares or rabbits in common box traps during the open seasons provided in this section. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to transport or offer for transportation at any time any dead wild hares or rabbits beyond the limits of the state of Maine. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the holder of a non-resident hunting license, issued in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended, from transporting to his home dead wild hares or rabbits which he has legally killed by virtue of his said non-resident hunting license, upon presentation of said wild hares or rabbits and his hunting license to the agent of a transportation company or to an inspector appointed by the department of inland fisheries and game to inspect game shipments, and having an official transportation tag attached thereto, after being identified by said transportation agent or game inspector as the holder of said license. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or transport at any time any wild hares or rabbits taken in closed season or by any method or with any device prohibited by this act. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense, and five dollars additional for each snare or trap or other illegal device set or used in violation of any provision of this section, and one dollar additional for each wild hare or rabbit taken, killed, caught or had in possession in violation of any provision of this section.'

Approved April 11, 1927.

Chapter 113.

An Act in Relation to the Breaking of Roads in Winter.

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

R. S., c. 24, sec. 130; P. L., 1923, c. 158; relating to closing certain