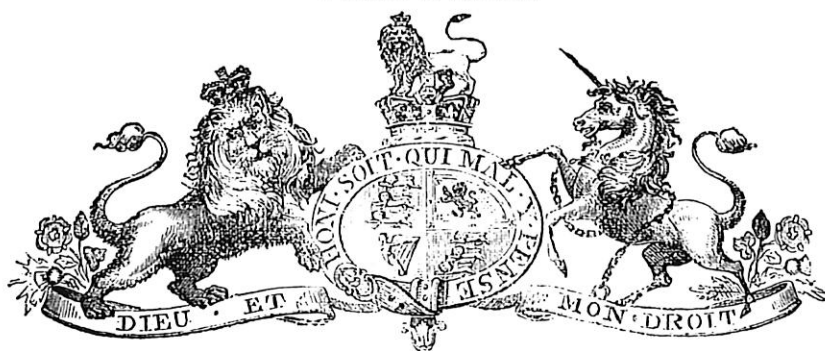


VICTORIA.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 1615.

An Act to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.

[18th September, 1899.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Vermin Destruction Act 1899*, and shall be read and construed as one with the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890* (hereinafter called the Principal Act). Short title and construction.

2. For section thirty-one of the Principal Act there shall as from the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six be deemed to have been substituted the following section, namely:— Amendment of s. 31 of Principal Act.

31. The council of every municipality shall out of the municipal fund thereof from time to time pay by way of bonus or reward a sum of Two shillings and sixpence for the destruction of every fox destroyed within the boundaries of such municipality, and for the destruction of any other vermin whether killed within or without such boundaries may pay such sum as such council shall deem fit. Power to pay for destruction of foxes and other vermin.

3. (1) Every

Conditions of
payment.

3. (1) Every person claiming after the commencement of this Act to be entitled to any such bonus or reward for the destruction of a fox or foxes shall if required to do so by any councillor or officer of such municipality when presenting his account therefor and before payment thereof furnish to the council of such municipality a statutory declaration setting forth the parish and particular place in such municipality in which such fox or foxes was or were destroyed and shall also hand to the secretary or other authorized officer of the municipality the brush and scalp of such fox or foxes.

Brush and scalp to
be dried &c.

(2) Such brush and scalp shall before being handed to such officer as aforesaid be thoroughly dried and properly freed from fat or other objectionable matter.

No reward for foxes
destroyed outside
municipality.

(3) The council of a municipality shall not under the provisions of this section be liable for the payment of any bonus or reward for the destruction of any fox destroyed outside the boundaries of such municipality.

Governor in Council
to refund moiety
of amount paid for
destruction of
foxes.

4. (1) The Governor in Council shall in each year pay to the council of every municipality a sum equal to one-half of the amount paid as aforesaid by such council during the twelve months ending the thirtieth day of June in such year, by way of bonus or reward for the destruction of foxes destroyed after the passing of this Act.

(2) No sum shall be payable by the Governor in Council for any year under the provisions of this section unless on or before the thirty-first day of July in such year the council of the municipality sends to the Minister a written claim under the seal of the municipality for such sum as aforesaid made up to the preceding thirtieth day of June and also furnishes him with such evidence as the Minister may require.

Council may
increase reward
for destruction of
foxes.

5. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the council of any municipality may out of the municipal fund thereof from time to time pay such larger sums than Two shillings and sixpence by way of bonus or reward for the destruction of foxes as to such council shall seem fit: Provided however that the Governor in Council shall not pay to the council of any municipality any sum exceeding One shilling and threepence for any fox destroyed.

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