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TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PROTECTION
OF CERTAIN RIVERS.

1949 Cap.
143.

[19th May, 1930.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Public Rivers Protection Law.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law—

“bank or wall of any river” means the land on each side of a bed of any river, to a distance of six feet therefrom;

“bed of any river” means the whole of the lands between the extreme limits of the water way formed by any river, including all banks, eyots or islands within such limits, except such as are under cultivation;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the district in which the river or portion of the river is situate;

“river” means a public river or any portion of a public river declared by Order of the Governor in Council to be a river under this Law.

Power to
Governor
in Council to
declare any
public river
or portion of
a public
river to be a
river for the
purposes of
this Law.

3. The Governor in Council may by Order to be published in the Gazette declare any public river or any portion of a public river to be a river for the purposes of this Law, and from and after the date of the publication of such Order this Law shall be in full force and effect in respect of the river or portion of the river to which the Order refers.

4. (1) No person shall break down or cut down or dig into or under or otherwise damage or destroy any bank or wall of any river. Damage to banks, etc., prohibited.

(2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

5. (1) The Commissioner may from time to time by notification to be published in the Gazette prohibit either absolutely or on conditions—

(a) the removal or carrying away of stones, shingle, gravel, sand, soil or other substance from the bed, bank or wall of any river or of any part of any river;

(b) the dumping of any rubble, rubbish, sweepings or other refuse in the bed of any river or in the bed of any part of any river or on or upon the bank or wall of any river or of any part of any river.

(2) After the publication of such notification as aforesaid, any person who—

(a) removes or carries away or causes to be removed or carried away stones, shingle, gravel, sand, soil or other substance from the bed, bank or wall of the river or of any part of the river to which the notification applies or in contravention of any of the conditions in such notification contained; or

(b) dumps or causes to be dumped any rubble, rubbish, sweepings or other refuse in the bed of the river or in the bed of any part of the river or on or upon the bank or the wall of the river or of any part of the river to which the notification applies or in contravention of any of the conditions in such notification contained,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Power to Commissioner to prohibit removal of stones, etc., from river, beds, etc.

