

such person shall be arrested to try such person, and, on conviction, to condemn said boat or vessel, and sell the same on five days' notice, and fine the said offender a sum not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, for each and every offence; and the said justice of the peace shall pay over one-half of said fines and forfeitures to the informer, and the other half to the school board of said county or city.

Penalty.

51. It shall not be lawful for any person to take or catch oysters in any manner whatever in the waters of the Potomac river, unless he be a citizen of Maryland or Virginia, and shall have been a resident of the State of which he is a citizen for twelve months immediately preceding. Any one violating this section shall be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars; any vessel in which oysters are taken contrary to this section shall be forfeited and sold, one-half of the proceeds to go to the State where convicted, and the other half to the informer.

Provisions as to Potomac.

52. It shall not be lawful for any citizen of Maryland or Virginia to take or catch oysters with a scoop, scrape or dredge, or any such instrument, in the waters of the Potomac river between the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth day of October of each year; it shall not be lawful for any citizen of either State to take oysters with tongs from the waters of Potomac river, between April the twenty-fifth and September the first of each year; and it shall not be lawful for any person to have in possession any oysters in the waters of the Potomac river between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September of each year; every person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than two hundred and fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each offence; and the vessel by which oysters are illegally taken or which receives oysters so illegally taken, or which has oysters on board within the limits of said river within the time specified, shall be held as security for the payment of the fine hereinbefore mentioned, and be subject also to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred and fifty dollars; and in the event of such fines not being paid within a period of twenty days, then such vessel shall be forfeited and sold; the surplus after payment of fines and costs to be paid to the owner of the boat; one-half of fines to go to the informer and the other half to the State.

When unlawful to take oysters in Potomac.

Penalty.

53. It shall be lawful for citizens of the State of Maryland and Virginia to take oysters in the Potomac river after com-