

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

Section 108 of the *British North America Act*, and the Third Schedule to that Act, vested in the Crown in right of Canada ownership of the bed and foreshore of all public harbours in Canada that were actually used as such at the time of Confederation. However, because the Act did not list and describe those harbours, confusion has arisen as to which harbours became the property of Canada and what were the precise limits of those harbours.

An Agreement has now been negotiated with the Government of Ontario to resolve this confusion by defining which harbours in Ontario shall be considered to be the property of Canada and what the limits of these harbours shall be.

The purpose of this Bill is to ratify and approve the Agreement.