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BILL.

An Act to regulate the business of Stevedore at the Port of Quebec.

WHEREAS the magnitude and increasing importance of the Canada Timber Trade render it expedient that Legislative provision should be made in order to ensure the better qualification of persons exercising the business of Stevedore or Shipstower at the Port of Quebec, and the more secure and advantageous loading of the cargoes of ships at the said Port, and in order to prevent persons unskilled in the said business of Stevedore from practising the same, to the great injury and damage of such cargoes, and the endangering of the lives of Her Majesty's subjects; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

- 10 And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be the duty of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, within twenty-one days after the passing of this Act, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, to constitute and appoint in that City, thirteen persons from and out of those exercising the business of Stevedore in the said City of
15 Quebec, and most skilled and practically acquainted, with the same, to be and to be called, "*The Quebec Board of Examiners for Stevedores,*" whose duty it shall be to examine and test the skill and qualification of all applicants to be admitted and licensed as Stevedores under the provisions of this Act: And all vacancies thereafter occurring in the said
20 Board, by death, resignation, permanent absence from the said City or otherwise, shall from time to time be filled from and out of such licensed Stevedores, by votes given by ballot at a general meeting to be called to that effect, by public notice to be forthwith given by the Chairman of the said Board, in the public newspapers in the said City, and the
25 person having a majority of votes at the said meeting, shall become a member of the said Board upon his complying with the requirements of this Act in that behalf; and at such meeting it shall be competent to all the members of the said Board for the time being to vote at the said election with the exception of the Chairman thereof, who
30 shall only vote upon an equal division of the persons present.

II And be it enacted, That within ten days after the announcement by the said Council of the said Board of Trade in the Canada Gazette, of the appointment of the said "*Quebec Board of Examiners for Stevedores,*" public notice shall be given by the member thereof whose name occurs
35 first on the list, in two of the public newspapers published in the said City of Quebec, one in the English, and the other in the French language, of the time and place at which the said Board shall thereafter assemble for the purposes of the present Act, which shall be within ten days after