

provisions of this Act, shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds nor less than five pounds.

If collision ensues from breach of the above rules, owner not to be entitled to recover.

12. If in any case of collision it appears to the court before which the case is tried, that such collision was occasioned by the non-observance of any of the foregoing rules, the owner of the vessel by which such rule has been infringed shall not be entitled to recover any recompence whatever for any damage sustained by such ship in such collision, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the circumstances of the case made a departure from the rule necessary.

Breaches of such rules to imply wilful default.

13. In case any damage to person or property arises from the non-observance by any vessel or raft of any of the foregoing rules, such damage shall be deemed to have been occasioned by the wilful default of the person in charge of such raft or of the deck of such vessel at the time, unless the contrary be proved, or it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the circumstances of the case made a departure from the rule necessary; and the owner of the vessel or raft in all civil proceedings, and the master or person in charge as aforesaid in all proceedings, civil or criminal, shall be subject to the legal consequences of such default.

INSPECTION OF STEAMBOATS, AND PROVISIONS FOR THE SAFETY OF THOSE ON BOARD THEM.

Inspectors.

Governor in Council may appoint Inspectors at such places as may be found advisable.

14. The Governor in Council shall from time to time appoint at such places as he may find advisable, within the Province, one or more skilled persons competent to inspect, steamboats, and the machinery and boilers employed in the same, who shall not be interested in the manufacture of steam-engines boilers or other machinery belonging to steamboats, and whose duty it shall be to make such inspection as hereinafter prescribed, and to give to the owner or master duplicate certificates of such inspection; and every such Inspector, before entering upon his duties as such, shall take and subscribe an oath, before any person duly authorized to administer an oath, well, faithfully and impartially to execute the duties assigned to him by this Act.

Inspectors to be sworn.

Inspectors to form a Board.

Chairman—
Quorum.

15. The Inspectors shall form a board to be called the "Board of Steamboat Inspection," of whom the Governor shall name the Chairman; Three of the members shall form a *quorum*, and the Chairman shall have the right to vote, and in case of equal division he shall also have a casting vote, and the minutes of the proceedings of the board shall be kept by him.

Meetings of the board, to

16. The board shall meet at least once every year in the Cities of Quebec and Toronto, and at such other places as