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CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

Regulations governing Travellers' Carriages, &c., Crossing the Frontier.

To ensure uniformity at the frontier ports in dealing with "carriages of travellers and carriages laden with merchandise." and to afford the utmost facility to parties visiting the Dominion for transient purposes, consistent with the protection of the Revenue, the *Minister of Customs* has approved of the following "Regulations and Restrictions:"

1st. Regular stages and hacks, when the owners or the drivers are known to the officers, may be allowed to cross the frontier and return, within two days, without being required to make an entry at the Custom House, subject only to the ordinary examination, search and inspection.

2nd. Travellers intending to remain within the Dominion for a longer period than two days, are required in all cases to report and enter their horses, carriages, and travelling equipage; and in cases where they do not intend to leave at the same point at which they enter, or are uncertain on that point, they must deposit with the Collector the full amount of duty on such horses, carriages and other dutiable articles, to be returned only on their furnishing satisfactory evidence that the same articles have been returned unchanged to the United States. Travellers intending to leave at the Port of Entry may be allowed to enter as above, and, in lieu of cash, to give a bond, with an approved resident surety, covering the amount of duty, and with the additional condition that such bond shall be enforced if the time specified therein be exceeded.

3rd. The time to be allowed travellers in either case shall not exceed one calendar month; and if that time be exceeded, the entries shall be considered bona fide entries for duty, and be included in the accounts of the port.

4th. All monies received by Collectors on deposit, under the above Regulations, shall be, if possible, deposited ad interim in a bank, in the Collector's name; and if there is no bank available, then in some other place of security under the Collector's credit and a separate account of the receipt and disposal of such deposits should be sent quarterly to the Department.

5th. The entries in such case should contain such a description of the horses carriages, &c. as would enable the Collector or other officer to identify them on their leaving the Dominion; and a copy shall be furnished the owner or other person making such entry, which shall be his permit for travelling in the country.

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

Commissioner of Customs.

Customs Department Ottawa March 8, 1869. 1870.

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