

An Act to provide for, and regulate the Inspection and Stamping of Gas Meters, and to protect the Consumers of Illuminating Gas.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for a uniform Standard for the measurement of Gas, and for the Inspection and Stamping of Gas Meters; and also for preventing the manufacture or sale of impure Gas: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. After the passing of this Act, the only legal standard or unit of measure for the sale of Gas by the Meter, shall be the cubic foot containing 62.321 pounds avoirdupois weight of distilled or rain water weighed in air, at the temperature of 62 degrees of Fahrenheit's Thermometer, the Barometer being at thirty inches. Standard of
Cubic foot.
2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint a competent person to be Inspector of Meters for this Province, with such salary or emoluments as shall be deemed expedient, such salary or emoluments to be charged upon the Gas inspection fund hereinafter provided for; and such Inspector shall reside wherever the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct. Governor in
Council to
appoint an
Inspector.—
Salary.
3. It shall be the duty of Inspector of Meters, as soon as may be after his appointment, to submit to the Governor in Council a design for a stamp for Gas Meters and Gas holders, to be examined, tested and stamped under this Act; and such design, if approved by the Governor in Council, or any other design that may be so approved, shall be adopted by the said inspector, and a duplicate of the stamp made from the design so adopted shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of this Province; and the stamp so deposited shall be the only stamp which shall be used, or the use of which shall be lawful under the provisions of this Act. Inspector to
design stamps
&c.
Stamps to be
deposited in
office of Sec-
retary of Pro-
vince.
4. In construing this Act, the word "Meter" shall mean Gas Meter, and shall include every kind of machine used in measuring Gas; and the word "Company" shall mean any person or persons, Joint Stock Company or Corporation, being manufacturers or sellers of Gas in this Province. "Meter" to
include all
machines for
measuring
Gas.
5. Within three months after the passing of this Act, two copies of one of the model Gas holders now deposited in the office of the Comptroller General of Her Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster, and in use in England, as exhibiting the legal standard for the measurement of Gas there, with balances, indices, and testing apparatus, shall be procured by the Provincial Secretary, such copies to be of some one Gas holder of a capacity of ten cubic feet, and to be verified and stamped by such Comptroller General for the time being, or by some other officer of Her Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster having authority for that pur- Two proof-
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