

## BILL.

### An Act respecting the admeasurement and registration of Vessels,

(NOTE.—The clauses printed between brackets, thus [ ] are proposed to be struck out at the third reading.)

**W**HEREAS the rule of admeasurement of vessels contained in the Preamble. Act "respecting the registration of inland vessels," forming chapter forty-one of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, being the same as that contained in the Acts of the Imperial Parliament in force on the 17th day of March, 1845, differs from that 5 contained in the Act of the Imperial Parliament known as "*The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854*," and Acts amending the same; and whereas it is desirable that but one rule of admeasurement of vessels should prevail in Canada, and that inland vessels in Canada should 10 not be subject to provisions of law in some other respects different from those to which other Canadian vessels are subject: Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said Act "*respecting the registration of inland vessels*," forming 15 chapter forty-one of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, is hereby repealed; but all things done under the provisions of the said Act, and all rights acquired by virtue of such provisions, shall remain good and valid, and all penalties and forfeitures incurred under the said Act may be sued for and enforced, and all prosecutions 20 for any such penalty or forfeiture incurred may be continued and completed as if the said Act had not been repealed.

Con. Stat. of Canada, cap. 41, repealed.

2. And whereas, by the five hundred and forty-seventh section of "*The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854*," it is enacted and provided that 25 by any Act or Ordinance confirmed by Her Majesty in Council to repeal, wholly or in part, any provisions of the said Act relating to ships registered in such possession; so much of the said Act and of any other Act amending the said Act and forming part of the same, as is inconsistent with this Act, or as prevents, or may be construed to prevent 30 the said Acts, or any of them, from applying to vessels navigating the inland waters of Canada and not proceeding to sea, is hereby repealed with respect to ships registered in Canada.

Inconsistent provisions of Imp. Stat., 17 and 18 Vict., c. 104, repealed.

3. The Governor in Council shall, with regard to the performance of any Act or thing relating to the registry of a ship or of any interest 35 therein in Canada under the authority of "*The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854*," as amended by subsequent Acts, be considered in all respects as occupying the place of the Commissioners of Customs.

Governor in Council to be as Commissioners of Customs.

4. In cases where it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor of any Province in Canada, that by reason of special circumstances it 40 would be desirable that permission should be granted to any British

Lieutenant-Governors may grant passes to British ships.