

An Act to make better provision for regulating the measurement of Coal, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the laws now in force which regulate the measurement of coal are frequently productive of great trouble and difficulty, and give rise to many abuses and frauds, more especially with respect to measurement for the purpose of estimating cargoes and calculating the freight thereupon, and it is therefore expedient to make new provisions for such measurement, and to make further provisions for the benefit of owners of vessels engaged in the carriage of coal and other freight on certain waters of Lower Canada; Therefore Her Majesty, kc., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. So much of the Act of Lower Canada 6 Wm. IV, Cap. 36, regulating the measurement of coal as defines the exact contents of a chaldron thereof, and regulates the dimension of the bushel by which the contents of such chaldron are to be ascertained, is hereby repealed.

Part of 6 W. 4
c. 36.
L. C. repealed.

II. From and after the passing of this Act the chaldron of coal shall contain thirty-six imperial or Winchester bushels.

Chaldron defined.

III. Hereafter no tub or other measure shall be used for the purpose of measuring coal which shall not have been previously inspected by some one of the Inspectors of Weights and Measures appointed under the Acts in force in Lower Canada relating to the inspection of weights and measures, and by him stamped or branded with the proper mark, after having been first compared and verified with and by the copies of the standard of the imperial bushel or half bushel provided by law for that purpose; And all the provisions of the said Acts with respect to inspection and the enforcing thereof shall apply to the measures used for the measurement of coal.

Coal measures must be inspected and stamped.

Inspection Laws to apply.

IV. And for the benefit and advantage of those engaged in the inland navigation of Lower Canada;—Whenever any sailing vessel shall have arrived at its destination and the master thereof or his agent shall have notified the person to whom the freight is consigned or his agent, that such freight has reached the place designated in the bill of lading, the person to whom the freight is consigned shall be bound to receive the same within twenty-four hours after notice to that effect shall have been given to him.

Consignee bound to receive goods consigned, within a certain time.

V. If the consignee shall after the said delay refuse or neglect to see to the discharging of such freight, he shall in such case be bound to pay to the master or owner of such vessel at the rate of ten cents per

Penalty for not doing so.