

10. If any British or foreign registered ship is either actually or constructively wrecked, and the Register thereof is closed, and the Certificate of Registry is delivered up to the proper officer and cancelled; or, if any ship, sailing under a pass from a Lieutenant-Governor, under the fourth section of this Act, is either actually or constructively wrecked on the voyage, and during the time and within the limits mentioned in such pass, the Governor in Council may direct that such ship may be registered as a British ship in any port in Canada at and for which there is a Registrar of Shipping, on proof being adduced, to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that such ship has been thoroughly repaired and made seaworthy, and also that all the transactions connected with the wreck, condemnation, and sale of such ship, were in good faith, and that all the requirements of the law have been complied with; but no Registrar of Shipping shall register any such ship without the authority of the Governor in Council.

Wrecked ship may be registered by authority of the Governor in Council.

11. No vessel duly registered under the provisions of the said Act, "respecting the registration of inland Vessels" forming chapter forty-one of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, before the day on which this Act takes effect, need be registered after that day in pursuance of the provision of this Act, except for the purpose of enabling her to proceed to sea as a British ship.

Case of vessels registered under cap. 41 of Con. Stat. Canada provided for.

But no vessel required by the said Act to be registered shall unless duly registered under the provisions of the said Act before the said day, and no vessel required to be registered in Canada, under the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," as amended as aforesaid, or under the provisions of this Act, shall, unless so registered before or after the said day, be recognized in Canada as a British ship; and no officer of Customs shall grant a clearance to any vessel required to be registered under the provisions of either of the said Acts, for the purpose of enabling her to proceed on a voyage unless the master of such vessel, upon being required so to do, produces to him the proper certificate of registry; and if any such vessel attempts to proceed on a voyage as a British ship without a clearance, any officer of Customs may detain such vessel until such certificate is produced to him.

Disabilities of unregistered vessels.

12. In this Act the word "vessel" and the word "ship" mean equally any vessel used in navigation, not propelled by oars.

Meaning of "ship" or "vessel."

13. The following classes of vessels are exempt from the provisions of this Act, viz:

1. Vessels not propelled either wholly or in part by steam, and not exceeding fifteen tons burthen, employed solely in navigation on the rivers and coasts of Canada, and the managing owners whereof, are resident within Canada.

Vessels exempt from the provisions of this Act.

2. Vessels not exceeding thirty tons burthen, and not having a whole or fixed deck, and employed solely in fishing or trading, coastwise, on the shores of Newfoundland or parts adjacent thereto, or in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or on such portions of the coasts of Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick as lie bordering on such Gulf.

14. This Act shall take effect upon, from and after the day not being earlier than the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, named for that purpose in any published Proclamation by the Governor to the effect that the same has been confirmed and approved by Her Majesty in Council.

Commencement of Act.