

An Act respecting the Inspection of Steamboats, and for the greater safety of Passengers by them.

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FOR the greater security of life and property on board steamboats navigating the waters of the Dominion of Canada, or owned or registered in the Dominion of Canada, and departing from or arriving at any port or place in the Dominion of Canada, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

INSPECTORS.

1.—The Governor in Council shall, from time to time, **a 1** appoint at each of such places as he may find advisable, within the Dominion of Canada, a skilled person or skilled persons competent to inspect steamboats and the machinery and boilers employed in the same, who shall not be interested in the manufacture of steam engines, boilers or other machinery belonging to steamboats, and whose duty it shall be to make such inspection as hereinafter prescribed, and to give to the owner or master duplicate certificates of such inspection; and every such Inspector, before entering upon his duties as such, shall take and subscribe an oath, before any person duly authorized to administer an oath, well, faithfully and impartially to execute the duties assigned to him by this Act.

2.—The Inspectors shall form a Board, to be called the **a 2** “Board of Steamboat Inspection,” of whom the Governor shall name the Chairman; three of the members shall form a quorum, and the Chairman shall have the right to vote, and in case of an equal division he shall also have a casting vote, and the minutes of the proceedings of the Board shall be kept by him:

(2.) After the first-day of January, one thousand eight **a 3** hundred and sixty-nine, no person shall be appointed an Inspector of Steamboats unless nor until he has passed a satisfactory examination before the Board of Steamboat Inspection, as to his knowledge on the subject of hulls, boilers and machinery of steamboats, and the working of the same, and received from the Chairman of the Board a certificate in writing to that effect.

3.—The Board shall meet at least once every year, at **a 4** such places as they may agree upon. Their first meeting shall be in the city of Montreal, on Wednesday, the first day of July next, to frame rules and regulations for their own conduct, and for the uniform inspection of steamboats, the selection of ports of inspection, and granting licenses to engineers, and for such other purposes as may be necessary under this Act; and such regulations shall come into force after they have been approved by the Governor in Council, but not before; and copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, certified by the Chairman, shall be transmitted to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries: