

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL 21.

An Act to amend the law relating to Merchant Shipping with a view to enable certain conventions to be carried into effect.

WHEREAS at the conference held at Brussels in the year Preamble.
nineteen hundred and ten two conventions dealing
respectively with collisions between vessels and with salvage
were signed on behalf of His Majesty, and The Maritime
5 Conventions Act, 1911, was enacted by the Parliament of
the United Kingdom to give effect to the conventions;

And whereas it is desirable that such amendments in the
law of Canada should be made as will enable effect to be
given to the conventions in Canada: Therefore His Majesty,
10 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House
of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Maritime Conventions Short title.
Act, 1914.

PROVISIONS AS TO COLLISIONS, &C.

2. Where, by the fault of two or more vessels, damage Collisions.
15 or loss is caused to one or more of those vessels, to their
cargoes or freight, or to any property on board, the liability Liability for
to make good the damage or loss shall be in proportion to loss.
the degree in which each vessel was in fault:

Provided that—

- 20 (a) if, having regard to all the circumstances of the case,
it is not possible to establish different degrees of fault,
the liability shall be apportioned equally; and
(b) nothing in this section shall operate so as to render
25 any vessel liable for any loss or damage to which her
fault has not contributed; and
(c) nothing in this section shall affect the liability of any
person under a contract of carriage or any contract, or