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An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal the Act of the Parliament of the Province of Canada hereinafter mentioned, and to make better provision for the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes; Be it therefore enacted, &c., as follows: Preamble.

Upon from and after the day on which this Act shall come into force, the Act of the Parliament of the Province of Canada, passed in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes*," shall be and the same is hereby repealed; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall revive any Act or law repealed or suspended by the Act above cited, but such Acts and laws and all other Acts or Ordinances or laws in force in either section of the Province, when this Act shall come into operation, relating to the Inspection, storing and branding of Pot and Pearl Ashes, and the appointment and compensation of Inspectors, shall be and the same are hereby repealed. Act 6 V., c. 6, repealed. Proviso: repealed Acts not revived.

II. From and after the period when this Act shall come into force and effect, no Pot or Pearl Ashes shall be inspected in barrels of any size or description other than the following, that is to say: Pot Ashes, in barrels to be constructed of oak or white ash timber; and Pearl Ashes, in barrels to be constructed of oak, white ash, black ash, or elm timber; the said timber to be of the best description and thoroughly seasoned, and the said barrels to be made perfectly tight, and to be well and completely hooped with, at least, fourteen sound oak, ash, hickory, blue beech or elm hoops each; the said barrels shall not exceed thirty two inches in length by twenty-two inches in diameter on either head, nor shall be less than thirty inches in length by twenty inches in diameter on either head, and the chime thereof shall not exceed one inch; Provided always, that it shall be the duty of the Inspectors of Ashes hereinafter mentioned, to reject all barrels that may not be constructed according to the directions above specified or that may, in their opinion, be insufficient to resist the tear, wear and usage to which they may be exposed: And provided further, that from the gross weight of the barrel when filled up, the actual weight of such barrel, as tare, shall be deducted, any law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And provided further, that every manufacturer of Ashes shall be bound to mark, in legible characters, on the end of each barrel, before the same is filled, the exact weight thereof. Description of barrels in which only Ashes shall be inspected. Proviso. Proviso. Proviso.

III. All licenses or commissions heretofore issued, or which may, at any time hereafter previous to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, be issued for the appointment of any Inspector or Inspectors of Pot or Pearl Ashes in this Province, shall on, Licenses existing immediately before 1st January, 1855, to be