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CHAP. 128.

An Act relating to shipping and for the registration, inspection and classification thereof.

[Reserved by the Governor General on Friday, 23rd May, 1873, for the signification of the Queen's pleasure thereon: Royal assent given by Her Majesty in Council on the 20th day of November, 1873; Proclamation thereof, made on the 16th day of March, 1874: In force on and from the 17th day of March, 1874.]

HEREAS the rule of measurement of ships contained in the Preamble. "Act respecting the registration of inland vessels," forming Consolidated chapter forty-one of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province Statutes of Canada, c. 41. of Canada, being the same as that contained in the Acts of the Imperial Parliament in force on the seventeenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, differs from that con-Imp. Stat. tained in the Act of the Imperial Parliament known as "The 17, 18 V., c. Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and Acts amending the same; and 104. whereas it is desirable that but one rule of measurement of ships should prevail in Canada, and that ships navigating the inland waters of Canada should not be subject to provisions of law in some other respects different from those to which other ships in Canada are subject; and whereas it is desirable to make better provision for giving security to persons advancing money on ships in course of construction, and to provide for the inspection and classification of ships built or registered in Canada: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:-

PRELIMINARY.

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

2. And whereas by the five hundred and forty-seventh section Inconsistent of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted and provided provisions of that the legislative authority of any British possession shall have and 18 V. c. 112 power 104, repealed.