

of shipping ; nor shall he be appointed an Inspector for either purpose unless he has received from the chairman of the Board, or from the said practical shipbuilders (as the case may be) a certificate in writing that he has satisfactorily passed such examination, or is a certified surveyor as aforesaid :

Proviso: as to existing inspectors. 2. Provided always, that all Inspectors appointed before the passing of this Act shall continue in office as Inspectors of boilers and machinery until removed under this Act :

Oathsofoffice. 3. 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.

Board of Steamboat Inspection. 8. The Inspectors shall form a Board, to be called the " 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 :

Duties, proceedings and rules of Board. 2. The Board shall meet at least once every year at such place as they may agree upon, and may make rules and regulations for their own conduct, and for the uniform inspection of steamboats, the selection of ports of inspection, and granting licences to engineers, and for such other purposes as may be necessary under this Act, and may, from time to time, repeal, alter or add to such rules and regulations or make others in their stead ; and such rules and 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Fisheries ; provided that such rules and regulations made before this Act comes into force shall remain in force until repealed or amended under it :

Subject to approval.

Proviso, as to present rules.

Provision respecting inspectors of hulls in certain parts of Canada, or in case of vacancy. 3. Provided always, that in the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, and in the North-West Territories and the District of Keewatin, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries may, if, and when he sees fit, dispense with the appointment of an Inspector of hulls and equipment ; and in such case and in case of the non-appointment of such Inspector in any Inspection District, or of vacancy in the office therein, the said Minister may, by Departmental Order, assign the duties of such Inspector to the Inspector of boilers and machinery, or such other person as he may temporarily employ, who shall then and so long as such order remains in force, have