

C A P . X L I I I .

An Act constituting the Department of Customs.

[Assented to 22nd May, 1868.]

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Preamble.
the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. There shall be a Department of the Public Service to be called the "Department of Customs," over which the Minister of Customs for the time being, appointed by the Governor, by Commission under the Great Seal, shall preside. Department constituted.

2. There shall be a Commissioner of Customs, and an Assistant Commissioner, both of whom shall hold office during pleasure, and shall have such powers and perform such duties, respectively, as may be assigned to them by the Governor General, or by the Minister of Customs. Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner.

3. The Department of Customs shall have the control and management,— Of what matters the Department shall have the control.

1. Of the collection of the duties of Customs, and of matters incident thereto, and of the officers and persons employed in that service ;

2. Of the collection of the tolls on the Public Canals, and of matters incident thereto, and of the officers and persons employed in that service ; subject always to the provisions of the *Act respecting Customs*, and of the *Act respecting the collection and management of the Revenue, the auditing of Public Accounts and the liability of Public Accountants*, and of any other Acts relating to the Customs or matters incident thereto. Subject to the Acts in that behalf.

4. The Governor General may appoint a Board of Examiners, whose duty it shall be to examine all persons employed or who have applied for employment under the Department of Customs, in the manner and after complying with the conditions prescribed by Departmental Regulations, and to classify them according to their respective qualifications and grant certificates accordingly. Board of Examiners or applicants for employment in the Customs.

5. The Minister of Customs shall annually make to the Governor General, to be laid before Parliament within fifteen days after the meeting thereof, a report and statement of the transactions and affairs of the Department during the year then next preceding. Annual Report by Minister.

6. So much of any Act or law as may be inconsistent with this Act, or as makes any provision in any matter provided for by this Act, other than such as is hereby made, is hereby repealed. Repeal of inconsistent enactments.