

An Act for the improvement of the Navigation of the River Sydenham.

**W**HEREAS, the navigation of the River Sydenham is rendered difficult and dangerous by the sinking in the navigable channel thereof, of saw logs and other timber, and it is expedient to make provision for the removal of such obstructions and thereby to facilitate the passage of steamers and other vessels on the said river; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble

**1.** It shall be lawful for any person to raise and remove any saw-logs or square or other timber which may now or hereafter lie sunken in the bed of the River Sydenham, and to deposit the same in some convenient place or places on the banks of the River.

Timber in bed of river may be raised and removed.

**2.** He shall then give notice in the form of the Schedule, of the raising and removal of the timber, of the place where the same is deposited, with a description of the timber and of the trade or other marks indicating ownership (if any) thereon, and that unless such timber is previously claimed, it will be sold at the expiration of \_\_\_\_\_ months from the date of such notice, and such notice shall be posted during the said period of \_\_\_\_\_ months in the office of the Collector of Customs at Wallaceburg.

Notice of such raising to be given.

**3.** At any time within the said period of \_\_\_\_\_ months the owner of the said timber may recover possession of his property by proving his ownership therein to the satisfaction of a Justice of the Peace, and upon payment to the salvor of the costs of raising and recovering the same, and *ten* per cent. of the value thereof for salvage.

Right of owner to recover possession.

**4.** If before the expiration of the said period of \_\_\_\_\_ month<sup>s</sup> no claim to ownership in the said timber is made, the former owner shall be deemed to have abandoned his right of property therein, and it shall then be the duty of some Justice of the Peace for the County on the requisition of the salvor, to cause to be effaced all trade or other marks indicating ownership, from the said timber, and to sell the same by auction according to the terms of the notice, and the Justice shall declare the ownership of such timber to be thenceforth in the purchaser thereof, and shall deliver the proceeds of the sale to the salvor.

Unclaimed timber to be sold for benefit of salvor.

**5.** The first section of chapter forty-seven of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada shall apply to the River Sydenham as fully and effectually as though the said river had been specially included with the other rivers mentioned therein.

Con. Stat. U. C. cap. 4,701 to apply to River Sydenham.

SCHEDULE.

Notice is hereby given, that the timber hereinafter mentioned has been raised from the channel of the River Sydenham, and was on the