



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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NO. 1.

An Ordinance to establish a Standard of Weights and Measures.

[22nd April, 1868.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a Standard of Weights and Measures; Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1867," is hereby repealed. Repeals former Ordinance. Provided, however, that such repeal shall not affect any rights acquired, or liabilities incurred or existing before such repeal; but such rights, remedies, and punishments thereunder shall still, notwithstanding such repeal, be capable of enforcement and imposition as if this Ordinance had not been passed, but not further or otherwise.

II. From and after the passing hereof, the Imperial Standards of Weights and Measures of Great Britain shall be the Standards of Weights and Measures of the said Colony; and no Goods, Commodities, or other Article sold by Weight or Measure shall be so sold except by such Standard of Weights or Measures, or some multiple or fractional part thereof. The Imperial Standards of Weights and Measures in Great Britain to be the Standards in this Colony. Provided, always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the sale of any Goods, Commodities, or other Articles in any vessel or bale, or by bulk when such vessel or bale or such bulk is not represented as containing any Standard Weight or Measure, or any multiple or fractional part thereof, or any Local or Foreign Measure, or any multiple or fractional part thereof.

III. All Articles sold by Weight shall be sold by Avoirdupois Weight, except Gold, Silver, Platina, Diamonds or other precious stones, which may be sold by Troy Weight; and Drugs which, when sold by Retail, shall be sold by Apothecaries Weight. Things sold by weight with certain exceptions to be sold by avoirdupois weight.

IV. An authorised and uninjured copy of each of the said Imperial Standards for Weights and Measures shall at all times hereafter be kept in the Colony, in the custody of the Colonial Secretary for the time being, for reference whenever required, and shall be and be deemed to be the authorised Standards from which all Weights and Measures used in the Colony shall be derived. An authorised copy of Imperial Standards to be kept in the custody of the Colonial Secretary.

V. It shall be lawful for the Colonial Secretary for the time being, by writing under his hand, to sanction the making of copies of the authorised Standards for Weights and Measures in British Columbia; provided, that before the same can be used the accuracy of every such copy shall be tested by the said Colonial Secretary, and stamped with a Stamp to be provided for that purpose, and to be Colonial Secretary to sanction the making of copies of standards, but before same are used they are to be tested & stamped.