

Bill (from the Legislative Council) for improving the condition and quality of Grain raised and sold in *Lower-Canada*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the foul state in which Grain and especially Wheat raised in *Lower-Canada* is brought to market is highly prejudicial to the Agriculture and Commerce of this Province, by its tendency to promote indolence and fraud and to injure the character thereof; and whereas it would tend to improve the condition and quality of the Grain so raised, if the several species thereof were sold at standard rates of weight per minot: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Lower-Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of the Act passed in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and for making further provision for the Government of the said Province: And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same that from and after the first day of January which will be in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, whensoever and wheresoever there is not a special agreement to the contrary, Grain the production of this Province shall be sold therein at the following rates of weight (*avoir du poids*) which shall be considered and held to represent a minot of the several species of Grain respectively herein-after-mentioned, and so in proportion for the whole quantity thereof at any time so sold, that is to say:—Wheat sixty-two pounds, Rye fifty-six pounds, Barley fifty pounds, Pease sixty-eight pounds, Oats forty pounds.

Rates of Weight of Wheat and other Grain in this Province established.

Wheat of less weight than 58lbs not considered merchantable.

Proviso.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that Wheat of the production of this Province, if of a less weight than fifty-eight pounds (*avoir du poids*) per minot of measurement shall be and hereby is declared to be unmerchantable, and no purchaser shall be obliged to receive the same unless at a price to be agreed upon between the parties: Provided always that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or to be construed to extend to the delivery of any Grain by weight except in cases of purchase and sale.