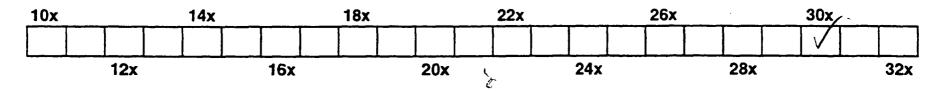
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3d Session, 3d Parliament, 13 Victoria, 1850.

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Received and Read a first time, Wednesday, 29th May, 1850.

Second Reading, Wednesday, 5th June, 1850.

Mr. LAURIN.

BILL.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter forty-nine, intituled " An Act to regulate the culling and mea-" surement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, " and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal " a certain Act therein mentioned."

WHEREAS experience hath shewn that parties have, Preamble. eluded the penalties imposed by the Act passed in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to regulate the culling and measurement of 8 Vict. c. 49, 5 " Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles eited. " of a like nature, and to repeal a certain Act therein " mentioned," and it is expedient to amend the said Act; Be it therefore enacted, &.c.,

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, 22 and 24 sec-10 That the twenty-second and twenty-fourth sections of tions repealed. the said Act shall be are hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That every culler licensed Licensed culunder the said Act, and not employed by the Supervisor, lers may hire may engage or hire to merchants or others as a shipping merchants and

- 15 culler ; but such culler shall in no case measure, cull, others. count, mark or stamp any description of lumber, before the same shall have been first culled and measured by somelicensed culler, other than himself, under the direction of the Supervisor, except by the written permission of the
- 20 Supervisor, and in accordance with the same rules and on the same terms, by which cullers acting under the Supervisor are bound, under the said Act; and also on condition of keeping a record of all his operations, returns of which shall be made monthly to the Supervisor;
- 25 and any culler so hired and engaged, offending against the provisions of the said Act or of this Act, shall on being duly convicted thereof, before any Court having competent jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, or be imprisoned for a
- 30 term not exceeding six calendar months, in the discretion of the Court, for each such offence; and any person not - duly licensed as a culler, who shall measure, cull, assort, mark or stamp any piece or article of lumber, the same being shipped or intended to be shipped for exportation by such
- 35 measurement, culling, assorting, marking or stamping, or who shall do any other thing which shall constitute an.

essential part of the measurement, culling or assorting of lumber, with intent to elude the provisions of the said Act or of this Act, shall on being duly convicted of such offence in a summary manner, before a Justice of the Peace of the District in which such offence shall have 5 been committed, and in which the offender shall be found, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding *twenty* pounds, nor less than five pounds, or be imprisoned in the common gaol for any term not exceeding two calendar months, in the discretion of the said Justice of the Peace, for each 10 such offence ; and any culling, assorting or division whatsoever of lumber, according to particular dimensions, descriptions or quality, or any mark, letter, figure or sign made with red chalk or any other thing, or in any other manner whatsoever, on any such 15 piece of lumber, shall be considered and taken as a culling, assorting, measuring, marking or stamping, as the case may be, within the meaning and intent of this section, and proof of the fact of any such lumber having been placed alongside or taken on board any sea-going 20 vessel, shall be sufficient evidence of such illegal shipping or intent to ship illegally such lumber for exportation by sea; and any culler employed by the Supervisor, who shall privily and without the knowledge and consent of the Supervisor, or for lucre or gain, and without the 25 same being entered in the books of the Supervisor, measure, cull, mark or stamp any article of lumber, shall, on being duly convicted thereof before any Court of competent jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, or be impri- 30 soned for a term not exceeding six calendar months, in the discretion of the Court, for each such offence; and the penalties imposed by this section shall be sued for and recovered, paid and accounted for in conformity with and according to the provisions of the thirty-second 35 section of the Act above cited, except where it may be otherwise provided in and by this Act.

Culling of lumber not comproducer.

Penalty.

III. And be it enacted, That nothing in the said Act, or in this Act contained, shall be held or construed to pulsory when of in this red contained, any article of lumber to be 40 shipped by the make it compulsory for any article of lumber to be 40 measured, culled or-assorted,-under-the-provisions of the said Act or of this Act, provided that such lumber be shipped on board of a seagoing vessel for account (in good faith,) of the actual and bond fide producer or manufacturer thereof, and provided that before the vessel 45 on board of which such lumber shall be shipped, shall obtain a clearance from the Custom-house, an affidavit or affirmation in writing shall be made by the shipper or his agent before the Collector or Comptroller of the port at which such vessel shall be laden, (either of whom is 50 hereby authorised to administer the same,) that such lumber has been shipped in good faith, for account of the shipper, and that he is the actual bond fide producer or

manufacturer thereof; but all other lumber shipped for exportation by sea, shall be either measured, culled or counted (at the option of the parties) by a licensed culler. under the control and superintendence of the Supervisor.

- 5 under a penalty equal to the market value of any article of lumber so illegally shipped; and such penalty shall be recoverable before any Court of competent jurisdiction, from the owner or shipper, or from the proprietor or proprietors, lessee or lessees of the premises from
- 10 which such lumber shall have been so illegally shipped; and it shall be sufficient in order to establish that such lumber has been illegally shipped for exportation by sea. to prove that it is or has been placed along-side any seagoing vessel; and proof of the measuring, culling or
- 15 counting of any such lumber under the provisions of this Act shall fall upon the party charged with such illegal shipping, and the market value of any article of lumber so illegally shipped, shall be ascertained by the certificate of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, or by
- 20 certificate under the hand of the Supervisor, or by any other legal proof of such value; Provided always that Proviso : This the provisions of this Act shall not extend or be construed Act not to afto extend to any place below the eastern end of the low eastern end of island Island of Orleans.

IV. And be it enacted, That any false affidavit or Parties mak-25 affirmation under the provisions of the foregoing section, ing false affishall subject the parties guilty thereof to the pains and of perjury. penalties imposed on persons guilty of wilful perjury.

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