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TN consideration of the rapid settlement and Preamble. 👤 increasing population of the territory lying upon the banks of the Saguenay and upon the North shore of the River St. Law-5 rence, from the Black River downwards, as far as Pointe des Monts, and the urgent necessity of providing means for rendering the navigation in those parts less dangerous, both for Vessels from beyond seas, and for the 10 large number of Schooners passing and repassing between the Saguenay and the Harbor of Quebec, along the North side of the said River from the Saguenay to Cape Tourmente, thence crossing to the South side by 15 steering for Isleaux Reaux, and thence along the Channel on the South side of the Island of Orleans to Quebec, and vice versa: it enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority Pilots' Appeared to the same, That no Pilots' Appendice of apprentices to be qualified to whose Indenture of apprenticeship shall pilot tessels bear date after the passing of this Act, shall by North Channels. be licensed as a Pilot, without having after due examination, proved before the persons 25 whose duty it shall be to examine him, that

he is qualified to pilot vessels by the Channel on the North side of the River St. Lawrence, as mentioned in the preamble to this Act, and also by all other Channels and Traverses of the said River from the Harbor of 5 Quebec to Bic, and vice versa from Bic to Quebec.

Board of Examiners of Trinity lify themselves to as to their knowledge of the North Channel.

 And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of House to qua- the Corporation of the Trinity House of Que- 10 bec, to oblige the Officers composing the examino Pilots Board of Examiners, to acquire the information requisite to enable them to examine Pilots and other persons who shall apply to be appointed as aforesaid, touching their 15. qualification and their knowledge of the Channels and Traverses aforesaid.

Certain Buoys to be laid down by the Quebec Trimity House.

III. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of marking the Shoals in the said Channel on the North side of the said River St. 20 Lawrence, and of warning Navigators against the dangers of a wrong course, and of facilitating the Traverse from the North to the South side between Isle aux Reaux and Cape Tourmente, the Trinity House of Quebec 25 shall immediately upon the opening of the navigation in each year, place Buoys in the same manner as Buoys are placed in the Traverse opposite St. Rochs' Point and in other parts of the said River, namely: on the sand-30 banks below the Island of Orleans opposite the Parish of St. Joachim, and on the sand-bank of Isle aux Reaux, and on that of Cape Brulé, and also a Buoy to mark the islets or rocks opposite La Gribane, another Buoy to mark 35 the great Shoal to the North of the Isle aux Coudres, and another to the East of the Alouettes Shoal at the mouth of the Saguenay.