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IN consideration of the rapid settlement and Preamble.
 5 increasing population of the territory lying upon the banks of the Saguenay and upon the North shore of the River St. Lawrence, 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 re-passing 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 *Isle aux Reaux*, and thence along the Channel on the South side of the Island of Orleans to Quebec, and *vice versa*: Be it enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority Pilots' Apprentices to be qualified to pilot vessels by North Channels.
 20 of the same, That no Pilots' Apprentice whose Indenture of apprenticeship shall bear date after the passing of this Act, shall 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 Quebec to Bic, and *vice versâ* from Bic to Quebec.

Board of Examiners of Trinity House to qualify themselves to examine Pilots as to their knowledge of the North Channel.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Corporation of the Trinity House of Quebec, to oblige the Officers composing the 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 qualification and their knowledge of the Channels and Traverses aforesaid.

Certain Buoys to be laid down by the Quebec Trinity 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. 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 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 sandbanks 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 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.