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

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## BILL.

An Act to amend an Act, intituled, "*An Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the Navigation of the waters of this Province.*"

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Hon. Mr. CAMERON, (of Cornwall.)

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## BILL.

An Act to alter and amend an Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "*An Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the Navigation of the waters of this Province.*"

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to amend the Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "*An Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the navigation of the waters of this Province;*" Be it therefore enacted, &c. Preamble.

That all Steamboats, Schooners and other Vessels, whether propelled wholly or in part by wind or steam, while navigating the waters of this Province, shall be provided during the night with Lights, to be exhibited and affixed as follows:— All vessels to carry lights.

II. And be it enacted, That any such Steamboat, Schooner or vessel as aforesaid, shall be provided with a Bell of a weight not less than sixty pounds, which it shall be the duty of the Master or person commanding such Steamboat, Schooner or vessel, under the penalty in the seventh section of the said recited Act contained, to cause to be rung at regular intervals of or not less than five minutes at a time, with an intermission of five minutes, during the time that any such Steamboat, Schooner or other vessel as aforesaid shall be in a fog. All vessels to have fog-bells, and to ring them when in a fog.

III. And be it enacted, That no Steamboat, Schooner or other Vessel as aforesaid, shall be deemed or taken to be seaworthy, within the meaning of that term in any policy of insurance effected or to be effected on such No vessel to be deemed seaworthy as regards insurance, unless

she has such  
lights and  
fog-bells.

Steamboat, Schooner or other Vessel, or any share or part thereof or interest therein, unless such Steamboat, Schooner or other vessel as aforesaid, is provided with Lights and a Bell, according to the provisions of this Act; nor shall the owner or insurer of such Steamboat, Schooner or other vessel as aforesaid, or of any share, part or interest therein, recover any insurance on loss of such Steamboat, Schooner or other vessel as aforesaid, nor any damages upon any collision of such Steamboat, Schooner or other vessel, with any other Steamboat, Schooner or vessel as aforesaid, unless such Steamboat, Schooner or other vessel as aforesaid, so insured, damaged or lost, is provided with Lights and a Bell, according to the provisions of this Act, at the time of such collision, damage or loss.

Liability of  
owners and  
masters of  
vessels not  
having lights  
and fog-bells.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any damage to any person or property shall be sustained in consequence of the non-observance of the provisions contained in this Act, as to the exhibiting Lights and carrying Fog Bells, the same shall in all Courts of Justice be deemed, in the absence of proof to the contrary, to have been caused by the wilful default of the Master or other person having charge of such Steamboat, Schooner or other vessel as aforesaid, and the owner thereof in all civil proceedings, and such Master or other person in all proceedings whether civil or criminal, shall be subject to the legal consequences of such default.