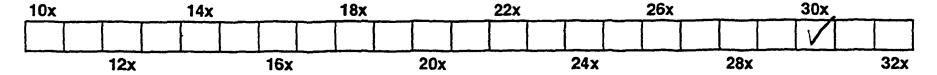
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## BILL.

An Act to provide for defraying the expense of the River Police at Quebec.

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Hon. Mr. HINCES.

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WHERE AS the expense of maintaining and paying Picamble. the members of the Police force acting as Constables in the Port of Quebec, under the provisions of the Ordinance of the Legislature of the Province of Lower 5 Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled "An Ordinance for establishing an Ordinance "efficient system of Police in the Cities of Quebec and L.C. 2 Vict. "Montreal" has been heretofore defrayed by means of (1) c. 2. "Montreal," has been heretofore defrayed by means of the voluntary contributions of the owners and masters of 10 vessels trading to the Port of Quebec, and of merchants and others interested in the trade of the said port; and whereas it is expedient that provision should be made for raising a fund to defray such expenses in future: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

15 That the master or commander of every vessel of the Tonnage duty burthen of one hundred tons or more, entering at the Port imposed on of Quebec from any port or place situate beyond the entering at or eastern limits of this Province, or clearing at the said Port the Port of of Quebec for any port or place situate beyond the eastern Quebec. 20 limits of this Province, shall, over and above all other sums payable under any act or law now in force or hereafter to be enacted, pay to the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at the Port of Quebec, a sum equal to three farthings for every ton of the registered measurement of such 25 vessel.

II. And be it enacted, That the Collector or other Entry or officer of Her Majesty's Customs at the Port of Quebec, clearance not to be granted shall not grant an entry inwards, or a clearance outwards, to any vessel to any vessel of the burthen of one hundred tons or until such daty bo paid. 30 more, for or from any port or place situate beyond the eastern limits of this Province, unless and until the master or commander of such vessel shall have paid to such Collector the full amount of tonnage duty payable in respect of vessels under the foregoing section of this Act.

35 III. And be it enacted, That the master or commander Penalty on of any vessel liable to pay such tonage duty as aforesaid blasters of vessels not and not requiring a clearance, who shall leave the port of requiring Quebec for any port or place situate beyond the eastern leaving limits of this Province, without having paid to the Collect—without 40 or of Her Majesty's Customs at the Port of Quebec the said duty. full amount of tonnage duty payable in respect of such vessel, under the provisions of this Act, shall incur a penalty not exceeding to be recoverable in like manner as penalties for breach of the laws relative 45 to duties of customs.

Duties to be paid over to Receiver General. IV. And be it enacted, That the moneys levied under the authority of this Act as aforesaid, shall be paid by the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at the Port of Quebec, into the hands of the Receiver General, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

Duty may be reduced and again raised.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time to reduce, and having reduced, again to raise, and so as often as may be deemed advisable, the rate of tonnage authorised to be levied as aforesaid; but so as the same shall at no time 10 exceed the said rate of three farthings per ton measurement.

Sums arising from certain sources to be paid over to the Inspector of Police.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of every person having in his hands or possession, any sum or sums of money heretofore raised by voluntary contri- 15 bution, for the purpose of defraying the expense of a River Police, in the Port of Quebec, or arising from the public sale by the Harbor Master of the Harbor of Quebec of any unclaimed timber or other things found by the members of the Police force aforesaid in the River 20 Saint Lawrence, or any boats, oars, boat-tackle or other effects or property of any kind heretofore used by such River Police, forthwith to pay and deliver over the same to the Inspector and Superintendent of the Police for the City of Quebec, who is hereby authorised and required 25 to receive the same.

Inspector of Police to be deemed the finder of certain articles under 12 Vict. c. 116. VII. And be it enacted, That the Inspector and Superintendent of the Police for the City of Quebec, shall be held and deemed to be the finder of any thing found in the River Saint Lawrence by the members of the 30 Police force aforesaid, within the true intent and meaning of the ninety-ninth Section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act" to consolidate the Laws relative to the powers and duties "of the Trinity House of Quebec, and for other purposes" 35 and that two thirds of the net proceeds of the Sale, of any such thing in virtue of the said Act, shall revert and he paid to him accordingly.

Application of money raised under this Act, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all moneys raised, levied and received under the authority of this Act, and all 40 moneys heretofore raised by voluntary contribution, as aforesaid, and paid over and received under the authority of this Act, shall be applied by such Officers or persons, and under such rules and regulations as the Governor of this Province shall from time to time appoint for that 45 purpose, in defraying the expense of maintaining and paying the members of the Police force, acting as Constables in the Port of Quebec, under the Ordinance cited in the Preamble to this Act.