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**An Act to regulate the Sale, Quality, and
Size of Merchantable Shingles in Lower
Canada.**

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An Act to regulate the sale, quality, and dimensions of
Merchantable Shingles in Lower Canada.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, Merchantable Shingles offered for sale in the markets or other Shingles places in Lower Canada, shall be of the quality and dimensions hereinafter set forth.
2. Merchantable Shingles shall be manufactured of good pine, cedar, Quality or spruce timber, very sound, and free from sapwood, shake, and wormholes.
3. Merchantable Shingles shall be put up in bundles twenty-four in- Measure. ches long between the ties, and shall contain fifty double rows of Shingles in height.
4. Merchantable Shingles shall be planed on both sides, and shall be Dimensions at least three *lines* in thickness, and thirteen inches long by a width of and shape. not less than four inches, and shall be that width throughout their whole length (English Measure), with a good bevelled edge.
5. Any person who shall sell Shingles as merchantable Shingles Penalty for which shall not be of the quality and dimensions hereinbefore set forth, contravention shall be liable to a penalty of not more than *one dollar* nor less than *fifty cents* for each bundle of Shingles so sold in contravention of the provisions of this Act.
6. Any purchaser of merchantable Shingles, after having examined Complaint and caused to be examined any quantity whatsoever of merchantable before Market Shingles so purchased which shall prove not to be of the quality and Clerk. dimensions required by this Act, may prefer a complaint before the Clerk of the Market of the Town or incorporated Village in which the Shingles shall have been sold; and upon the seller being convicted of having contravened this Act by selling such Shingles, the Clerk of the Market shall confiscate the Shingles for the benefit of the Municipality Confiscation. of the Town or incorporated Village where the said Shingles shall have been sold, and in that case, such confiscation shall stand in lieu of the penalty imposed by the preceding section.
7. The penalty imposed by this Act against the seller or sellers of Recovery of merchantable Shingles shall, if the confiscation has not taken place, be Penalties. recovered before a Justice of the Peace for the district in which the Shingles shall have been sold; and this on the testimony of a credible witness, other than the complainant, which latter shall be bound to make his deposition under oath before such Justice of the Peace, making mention of the name of the person in whose presence such Shingles shall have been so bought and delivered, which person shall be heard as a witness, provided that he is neither an interested party nor a relation of the complainant within the degree of cousin-german.
8. One half of the penalty so imposed shall belong to the complainant, and the other half to the municipality in which such Shingles shall How penalties shall be disposed of. have been sold.
9. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.