

The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the third session of the thirteenth Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada. Quebec: P. E. Desbarats, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1830.

10 & 11 George IV – Chapter 5

An Act to ascertain the rate at which certain Coins therein mentioned shall pass current in this Province, and for other purposes. (26th March, 1830.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to establish and ascertain by Law the rates at which certain Coins shall hereafter pass current in this Province, and to prohibit the circulation of certain notes and other negotiable securities; may it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act, passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the government of the said Province:" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, the Silver Coins commonly known by the name of Pistareens, shall pass current at the rate of Tenpence currency each, and no more, and the silver coins commonly known by the name of half Pistareens or sixpences, shall pass current at the rate of Fivepence currency each, and no more, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that after the expiration of three mouths from and after the passing of this Act no Bank Note or other Note whatsoever made payable to "Bearer," nor any Note under the nominal value of Five Dollars, issued by any Bank or Joint Stock Company, or persons trading as Bankers, save and except only such Bank Notes as may be issued by any Bank incorporated by law in this Province, shall be offered or given in payment, on pain of forfeiting the nominal amount of such Note, which amount shall be recovered on information and conviction in any Court of competent jurisdiction in this Province.