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6 William IV – Chapter 36

An Act to regulate the Measurement of Coal. (21st March, 1836.)

Whereas it is necessary to regulate the Measurement of Coal:—Be it therefore 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 whenever no agreement to the contrary shall be made between the parties, all sales of Coal in this Province shall be made by the Chaldron, or by the Bushel; which measures shall be of the dimensions hereinafter prescribed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Chaldron shall contain fifty-eight cubic feet and sixty-four hundredth parts of a cubic foot, or thirty-six bushels; each bushel containing two thousand and eight hundred and fourteen cubic inches and nine fourteenth parts of a cubic inch,—the whole being English measure.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the bushel intended by this Act shall be nineteen inches and a half in diameter at the top, and eighteen inches and a half in diameter at the bottom, and nine inches and nine hundred and twenty-six thousandth parts of an inch, deep,—English measure.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the two bushel measures employed for the purposes of this Act, shall contain five thousand six hundred and twenty-nine cubic inches and four fourteenths of a cubic inch; and the three-bushel measures, eight thousand four hundred and forty-four cubic inches, and thirteen fourteenths of a cubic inch,—English measure; and the said measures, shall, as shall also the one bushel measure aforesaid, be in all cases unheaped or struck measure.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that when, by agreement of the seller and buyer, Coals are sold or bought by the weight, the same shall be by the ton, consisting of twenty hundredweight avoir du poids.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to do away the former practice respecting the measurement

of Coals in any case where any bargain therefor shall have been made or agreed upon before the passing of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that where any difference or dispute shall arise between any seller or buyer of Coal, with respect to the measurement or weight thereof, the same shall be referred to and adjusted by the Clerk of the Hay Market.

VIII. And be it further enacted and declared, that this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty, and no longer.