

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Sixth day of February, 1812, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Tenth day of February, 1814, in the Fifty-fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Fourth Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province. From Henry H. Cogswell, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: from the Sixth Session of the Eighth General Assembly, to the Fifty-Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign. John Howe and Son, 1816.

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An Act to regulate the Exportation of Ton Timber, and to repeal two Acts made in the twelfth and thirty-third years of His Majesty's Reign, declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for exportation to Great-Britain.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, all hewed timber, commonly called ton timber, which shall be exported from this province, shall be strait lined, and well squared, without offsets or joints, and square butted at both ends, and shall also be square edged and free from all marks of scoring, rots, splits, or worm holes which may be detrimental to the same.

II. And be it further enacted, that no spruce or pine timber, shall be less than sixteen feet in length, nor any birch or other ton timber, commonly called hard wood ton timber, less than ten feet in length, nor shall any ton timber be considered merchantable, unless the same shall square at least ten inches; and where the timber does not exceed the length of sixteen feet; it shall be of equal bigness at both ends.

III. And be it further enacted, that if any surveyor of ton timber after the publication of this act, shall certify as merchantable for exportation, any ton timber contrary to this act, he shall forfeit and pay, for each and every offence, the sum of ten pounds.

IV. And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons shall, after the publication of this act, ship or export out of this province, any ton timber, which shall not have been regularly surveyed by a sworn surveyor, and by him certified as merchantable and fit for exportation, he or they shall forfeit and pay, for each and every offence, the sum of twenty pounds: the above fines to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information, in any court of record within this province; the one half of the said fines to be applied to the use of his Majesty, his heirs, and successors, and the other moiety thereof, to him or them who shall prosecute for the same.

V. And be it further enacted, that the surveyors of timber shall be entitled to receive three pence per ton for surveying the same, with four pence per mile for every mile they shall necessarily travel in coming to the place of performing such duty, and shall in all cases

measure ton timber by the girth, one quarter part of the girth to be taken as the side of the square.

VI. And be it further enacted, that when any contract or bargain shall be made for any quantity of timber for exportation, the same shall be understood to be for timber according to the directions of this act, and no person shall be obliged to take any other kind of timber, unless he shall have previously made a special agreement for the same.

VII. And be it further enacted, that the act passed in the twelfth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act declaring what shall be deemed merchantable timber for exportation to Great-Britain," and also the act passed in the thirty-third year of his said Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber for exportation to Great-Britain" – and every clause and thing therein contained, be, and the same are hereby repealed.