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2 George IV – Chapter 11

An Act for further regulating the Measure and Weight of Coals. (18th February, 1822.)

Whereas by an Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the better regulating the Weights and Measures of this Province," it is amongst other things enacted, that the Canada Minot shall be the Standard Measure for Coals, when sold by measure of capacity, where there shall be no special agreement to the contrary; and disputes having arisen, whether the Minot when used in the measurement thereof should be heaped or not; 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 the stand and measure for the sale and purchase of Coal in this Province shall be the Chaldron of thirty-six standard minots, each minot to be heaped up; and when such Coal shall be of the larger kind, so that if the same were measured in detail by the standard minot above mentioned, a loss would accrue to the purchaser, such Coal may be measured in any larger vessel, the quantity which the same will contain being first ascertained to the satisfaction of the parties. Provided always, that the weight of such standard Chaldron of Coal shall not be less than three thousand one hundred and fifty-six pounds avoirdupois weigh. And provided also, 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.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that where any difference or dispute may arise between any seller and purchaser 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.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and no longer.