

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1837. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1837.

7 William IV – Chapter 7 (Session 2)

An Act to provide for the greater safety of passengers on board Steam Boats. Passed 22d July 1837.

'Whereas in cases of fire or other disaster on board steam vessels, the lives of passengers are frequently endangered or sacrificed for the want of a sufficient number of boats, and it is expedient to remedy the mischief as far as may be by law;'

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the first day of September next, no British boat or vessel propelled by steam, shall be permitted by the captain or owner to ply or navigate with passengers on board, in any of the bays, rivers, lakes, harbours or other waters of this Province, without having on board or attached in a convenient manner good and sufficient boats, of sufficient capacity to carry all the passengers and crew at one time from such vessel to land in ordinary weather: Provided always, that no such vessel shall be required to have more than three good and sufficient boats of sufficient capacity in all to carry sixty adult passengers exclusive of the crew.

II. And be it enacted, That if any master or owner shall permit any such vessel so to ply or navigate without having on board or attached such good and sufficient boats, they or either of them shall forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds for each trip such vessel may make to or from any place within this Province without being provided with such sufficient boats as aforesaid, to be recovered, levied and applied as hereinafter directed.

III. And be it enacted, That any such forfeiture may be sued for and prosecuted by action of debt, bill, plaint or information in the Supreme Court of Judicature for this Province, by any person who shall sue for and prosecute for the same, together with costs of suit; and on recovery, one moiety thereof to be applied to the person who may so sue and prosecute, the other moiety to be paid into the Treasury of the Province for the use of the Government thereof.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of April which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.