

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1848. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1848.

11 Victoria – Chapter 23

An Act to regulate the measurement of Fire Wood and Bark. Passed 30th March 1848.

Whereas it is desirable that a more uniform and certain mode be established in this Province for the measurement of Fire Wood and Bark;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, all Fire Wood and Bark, when bought or sold by measurement within this Province, shall be measured by the cord; which cord, when the said Wood or Bark is measured on the ground or other flat surface, shall be eight feet in length, four feet in breadth or width, and four feet and four inches in height; and when the said Wood or Bark is measured in carts or other carriages after the rate of one quarter of a cord to each load of such cart or carriage, the said quarter of a cord or load shall be four feet in length, two feet and nine inches, on an average, in breadth or width, and three feet and three inches in height.

II. And be it enacted, That every cart or other carriage, intended and used for the measurement and carriage of Fire Wood or Bark, at the rate of one quarter of a cord to each load thereof, shall be provided with stakes or stanchions on each side of such cart or carriage; which stakes or stanchions shall be so placed as to leave a clear space of two feet eight inches in width between the foremost stakes or stanchions, and of two feet ten inches in width between the two hindmost stakes or stanchions, and the said stakes or stanchions shall be three feet and three inches high from the floor of the cart or carriage, and no higher; and the said stakes or stanchions shall be shouldered with a band of iron round the part which enters the mortice, and the mortices cased with iron, to preserve them, and that at no less than two feet nine inches distance from the floor of such cart or carriage shall be an iron chain fixed across the cart or carriage to the stakes or stanchions, to prevent them spreading wider than the space above mentioned; that the said Wood or Bark shall be well stowed between the said stakes or stanchions up to and even with the tops thereof, and no higher; and the upper surface of the said Wood or Bark, between the tops of the said stakes or stanchions shall be made as flat and level as may be, so that a straight edge may be even, and as nearly as may be in contact with the said Wood or Bark, from the top of each of the stakes or stanchions on one side of the cart or other carriage to the top of each of the stakes or stanchions on the other side of the same, without any rounding or heaping up whatever of the said Wood or Bark higher than the tops of the said stakes or stanchions, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

III. And be it enacted, That if any cart or other carriage used for the measurement and carriage of Fire Wood or Bark, shall not be in all respects according to the provisions and requirements of this Act, or if Fire Wood or Bark shall be laid, put or measured on the same otherwise than is described in and by this Act, the owner or driver of such cart or other carriage shall forfeit and pay for every time the said cart or carriage shall be used for the measurement and carriage of Fire Wood or

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Bark, the sum of five shillings, to be recovered with costs, on complaint and due proof thereof before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County or City and County wherein the offence shall be committed, and to be appropriated one half to the Overseers of the Poor of the proper Parish, and the other half to whomsoever shall sue for the same.