

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1851. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1852.

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An Act to amend the Act, intituled, An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the Navigation of the Waters of this Province.’ Assented to 14th June, 1853.

In amendment of the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled: *An Act to amend an Act, intituled: 'An Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the Navigation of the Waters of this Province.'* Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That at least one of the Boats provided for and carried with every Steamboat engaged in the transportation of freight and passengers in pursuance of the ninth section of the said Act hereinbefore first cited, shall be a life-boat, made of metal, fire-proof, and in all respects a good, substantial, safe sea-boat, capable of sustaining, inside and outside, fifty persons, with life-lines attached to the gunwale at suitable distances, and that all of such boats shall be well, furnished with oars and other necessary apparatus, and shall be good, substantial and safe boats, and in good condition at all times for service.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall also be the duty of the Owner and Master of every such Steamboat as aforesaid, to provide and carry with the said Steamboat upon each and every voyage, a good life preserver, made of suitable material, or a flout well adapted to the purpose, for each and every passenger, which life preservers and floats shall always be kept in convenient and accessible places in such Steamboats, and in readiness for the use of the passengers; and also at least twenty-five fire-buckets and five axes.

III. And be it enacted, That every such Steamboat carrying passengers on the main or lower deck, shall be provided with sufficient means convenient to such passengers for their escape to the upper deck, in case of fire or other accident endangering life.

IV. And be it enacted, That the foregoing provisions shall have force and effect, upon, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and not sooner.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, at any time after the passing of this Act, by an Order or Orders in Council, from time to time to prescribe and regulate the number of Cabin or Steerage or other passengers that may be earned by any Steamboat or class of Steamboat in this Province, either in proportion to the dimensions or tonnage thereof, or both, or otherwise howsoever: Provided always, that no such Order in Council shall have any force

or effect, until after it shall have been published at least twice, at an interval of at least six days between each publication, in the *Canada Gazette*.

VI. And be it enacted, That the same penalty shall be and the same is hereby attached to the contravention of any of the provisions of this Act, or of any such Order in Council as aforesaid, as is contained in and enacted by the said ninth section of the Act hereinbefore first, cited, that is to say, that for every contravention in respect of any Steamer in this Province, on any one voyage or trip thereof of any provision in this Act or in any such Order in Council applicable to such Steamer, the owner or master thereof shall forfeit and pay the sum of Fifty Pounds currency.