BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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NO. 15.

An Ordinance for the regulation of Pilotage.

[*5th April*, 1866.

WHEREAS, it is expedient for the protection of the Commerce of the Colony to establish and maintain a proper system of Pilotage; Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. So much of the Proclamation made and passed on the 15th day of June, 1859, as relates to Pilots and Pilotage, together with the "Pilotage Act, 1861," shall be and be deemed to have been repealed, as and from the 1st July now next ensuing. Repeals so much of Proclamation of 15th June, 1859, and Pilotage Act, 1861, as relates to Pilots.

II. From and after the 1st day of June now next ensuing, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint, and from time to time vary, such persons as he shall deem fitted in that behalf to constitute a Pilot Board, who shall have the charge of all matters and things relating to Pilotage and Pilots, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. Power to Governor to appoint and vary Pilot Boards,

III. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by any order duly made and passed, from time to time, and at any time from and after the 1st day of June now next ensuing, to make and alter such rules, regulations, and by-laws, as such Governor in Council may deem expedient in respect of the following matters, that is to say:— and to make Rules, Regulations, and By-Laws;

(*a*) The establishment, management, and maintenance, of the Pilot Board, its functions and powers;

(*b*) The duties and jurisdiction of Pilots;

(*c*) The examination, passing, granting or suspension of Certificates and Licenses of Pilots;

(*d*) The exclusion of unlicensed persons acting as Pilots;

(*e*) Declaring, defining, and enforcing the rates of Pilotage and Pilot fees, and the exemptions from Pilotage;

(*f*) The Vessels and Ships which shall be subject to Pilotage fees;

(*g*) For regulating the persons from whom and to whom Pilotage fees shall be appropriated and paid;

(*h*) For regulating the signals and passing and repassing of Steamboats and other Vessels within the waters of the Colony, and the duties of Pilots and Masters in respect thereto;

(*i*) For regulating the position and claims of Pilots as between themselves;

(*j*) And generally to regulate all such other matters and things whatsoever,

whatsoever, in relation to or in connection with Pilots and Pilotage, which the said Governor in Council shall from time to time deem expedient to ordain.

the same to be published in the *Government Gazette* for one month.

IV. Every such rule, regulation, and by-law so made, when published for one calendar month continuously in the *Government Gazette* shall, so far as the same shall not have been in like manner repealed or varied, be deemed to be and have the force of law and be so recognized in all the Courts of the Colony.

Penalty for breach of provisions of this Ordinance.

V. Any wilful breach or contravention, by any person whomsoever, of any provision or any part of any provision of this Ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, or by-law to be made in pursuance thereof, shall be punishable summarily before a Magistrate, upon information under oath and upon conviction, by any fine not exceeding, for a first offence, £50, and for a second or subsequent offence, any sum not exceeding £100, to be levied by distress of the goods and chattels of the offender.

Imprisonment in default.

VI. In default of or upon the insufficiency of such distress, it shall be lawful for the convicting Magistrate for every such offence to inflict imprisonment for any term not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Short Title.

VII. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Pilotage Ordinance, 1866."

Passed the Legislative Council the 7th day of March, A.D. 1866.

CHARLES GOOD, *Clerk of the Council.*

H. M. BALL, *Presiding Member.*

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 5th day of April, 1866.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,
Administering the Government.

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