



# BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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NO. 14.

### An Ordinance to establish a Standard of Weights and Measures,

[19th March, 1867.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to establish a Standard of Weights and Measures; Preamble.

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

I. From and after the time hereinafter fixed for the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the Weights and Measures of Her Majesty's Exchequer in England shall be the Standard of Weights and Measures of the said Colony, and no goods, commodities, or other articles sold by Weight or Measure shall be so sold, except by such Standard of Weights or Measures, or some multiple or fractional part thereof. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the sale of any goods, commodities, or other articles in any vessel, or bale, or by bulk, when such vessel, or bale, or such bulk is not represented as containing any Standard Weight or Measure, or any multiple or fractional part thereof, or any Local or Foreign Measure, or any multiple or fractional part thereof.

English Standard of Weights and Measures to be the Standard in this Colony.

II. All articles sold by Weight shall be sold by Avoirdupois Weight, except Gold, Silver, Platina, Diamonds or other precious stones, which may be sold by Troy Weight, and Drugs which when sold by Retail shall be sold by Apothecaries Weight.

Things sold by weight, with certain exceptions, to be sold by Avoirdupois weight.

III. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time and at any time hereafter, to appoint such persons as he may think fit to be Inspectors of Weights and Measures within the said Colony, for the whole or for any definite Districts or portions of the said Colony, and to revoke any such appointments and make new appointments in lieu thereof.

Governor to appoint Inspector of weights and measures.

IV. It shall be the duty of every such Inspector, at such times and places and in such manner as the Governor shall from time to time in that behalf direct, to stamp all Weights and Measures brought to him for that purpose, and for every Weight and Measure so stamped, such Inspector shall be entitled to receive the sum of Twenty Cents.

Duties of Inspectors.

V. Every such Inspector as aforesaid may, at all reasonable times, enter into any Shop, Store, Warehouse, or Place within the District in which he has authority to act, where any goods, commodities, or other articles are bought, sold, or exchanged, or exposed or kept for sale, or weighed for conveyance or carriage, and examine and prove all Weights, Measures, Steelyards, Balances, or other Weighing Machines, and may also seize all Weights, Measures, Steelyards, Balances, and other Weighing Machines so then and there found to be false and untrue, as things forfeited to the use of Her Majesty.

Power of Inspectors.

VI. No Weight made of Lead or Pewter, or of any mixture thereof, shall be stamped or used. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the use of Lead or Pewter, or of any mixture thereof in the composition of Weights if they be wholly and substantially cased with Brass, Copper, or Iron, and legibly stamped or marked

Material of weights.



