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AN ACT

To amend the Scale of Fees charged for the Entrance and Clearance of Vessels; Licences to Scows, Boats, and other Craft; and Dues for Landing Permits; as well as other matters relating to the same, in the Port of Victoria, including Esquimalt.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the scale of fees charged for the Entrance and Clearance of Vessels into the Port of Victoria and Esquimalt; for the Licences to Scows, Boats and other Craft plying in the said Port; and of Landing Permits.

Be it enacted by the Governor, on Her Majesty's behalf, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies,

Clearance and Entrance Fees in the Schedule A to be Levied from the passage of this Act.

I. That from and after the passage of this Act, there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid to the Harbor-Master of Victoria, to and for the use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in lieu of the charges heretofore made, in respect of the charges aforesaid, the Scale of Fees, upon Vessels Entering, or Departing from the Harbor of Victoria or Esqnimalt, in Schedule A, to this Act annexed.

Coasters may take out a Licence.

II. All Vessels whilst employed exclusively in the Coasting or Carrying Trade between places within this Colony and either of the aforesaid Harbors, shall be exempt from the charges for Entrance and Clearance aforesaid; but the Masters of such Vessels shall report themselves to the Harbor-Master of Victoria Harbor, whenever such Vessels shall enter or depart from either of the said Harbors; and such Vessels as last aforesaid shall be liable to the Licences mentioned in Schedule B, hereunto annexed.

Licences on Scows and Small Craft.

III. There shall be charged upon Scows and other Craft employed in unlading Ships, or carrying goods or passengers between the Harbors of Victoria and Esquimalt, or *vice versa*, or plying in either of the said Harbors, the Licences mentioned in Schedule C, to this Act annexed.

Penalty for Carrying Passengers or Goods without License.

IV. Any Vessel or Craft carrying Goods or Passengers as aforesaid, or being employed in the Coasting Trade as aforesaid, without having paid the necessary License, shall be liable to confiscation.

Permit to be obtained before Landing.

V. No Goods other than the produce of the Colony, and passengers' luggage, shall be landed from any Vessel in Victoria or Esquimalt, until the same and the value thereof shall have been first reported to the Harbor-Master of Victoria, and the permit to land the same shall have been received from the said Harbor-Master, or his Deputy or Deputies, and there shall be charged and paid for such Landing Permit the sum mentioned in Schedule D, to this Act annexed.

Penalty of Landing without Permit.

VI. Any person landing any Goods, save as aforesaid, shall be liable to a fine of not more than Fifty Pounds (£50), to be recovered by a summary process before any Justice of the Peace; and in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a period not exceeding one month, and the Goods so landed may be confiscated to the use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors.

Appropriation of Amounts Payable.

VII. The sums arising from all the above sources

shall be paid into the Treasury of Vancouver Island, and carried to a separate fund, to be called "The Harbor Fund."

Short Title.

VIII. This Act may be cited as "The Victoria and Esquimalt Harbor Dues Act, 1860."

Passed the House of Assembly, the 26th day of October, A. D. 1860.

Passed the Council, the 21st day of November, A. D. 1860.

Received my assent, the 19th day of December, A. D. 1860.

JAMES DOUGLAS,
Governor.

SCHEDULE A.

Fees for Entrance and Clearance for Vessels entering and clearing the Ports of Victoria and Esquimalt.

	£	s.	d.
All Vessels under 15 tons	0	4	2
" " Between 15 and 30 tons	0	6	3
" " " 30 and 50 "	0	8	4
" " " 50 and 100 "	0	12	6
" " " 100 and 200 "	0	18	9
" " " 200 and 300 "	1	5	0
" " " 300 and 400 "	1	13	4
" " " 400 and 500 "	2	1	8
" " " 500 and 600 "	2	5	10
" " " 600 and 700 "	2	10	0
" " " 700 and 800 "	2	14	2
" " " 800 and 900 "	2	18	4
" " " 900 and 1000 "	3	2	6
" " " 1000 and upwards	3	6	8

All steamers *bona fide* carrying mails, to pay half the amount of the above Scale of Fees, according to their tonnage.

SCHEDULE B.

Half-Yearly License for Coasters.

	£	s.	d.
Under 10 tons	1	0	0
Above 10 tons and under 30 tons	2	0	0
" 30 " " 50 tons	3	0	0
" 50	4	0	0

SCHEDULE C.

Wherries and Skiffs plying for hire, and licenced to carry not exceeding six passengers, per quarter, One Pound.

Row Boats and Yawls plying for hire, and licenced to carry more than six passengers, and under ten tons burden, per quarter, One Pound Ten Shillings.

Lighters and Scows employed in freighting or discharging vessels, or otherwise, for hire, under ten tons burden, per quarter, Two Pounds.

Lighters and Scows exceeding ten tons burden, Two Pounds per quarter, with One Shilling additional for every ton exceeding ten tons and up to one hundred tons burden.

SCHEDULE D.

Landing Permits.

	£	s.	d.
For Invoices under £100 in value	0	4	2
" " Above £100 and under £250 in value	0	6	3
" " Above £250 and under £500	0	8	4
" " " £500 " £1000	0	12	6
" " " £1000	0	16	8