

equipped, as follows:—For every Steamer of the registered tonnage of two hundred tons and upwards, not less than four good boats; of one hundred tons and upwards, not less than three good boats; under one hundred tons, not less than two good boats, with a sufficient number of good oars and other tackle necessary therefor; and every such boat, upon an average, of a sufficient capacity to carry at least twenty adult persons, exclusive of the crews; and no such vessel shall be permitted by the Captain or owner thereof to navigate in any of the Rivers or Inland Waters of this Province, with passengers, without having on board or attached to such Boat or Vessel in a convenient manner as aforesaid, at least two good and efficient boats properly equipped with oars and other tackle as aforesaid, of sufficient capacity to carry in the whole at least thirty adult passengers, exclusive of the crews.

II. And be it enacted, That if any Master or owner shall permit any such Boat or Vessel to depart from any port or place in this Province, or to navigate in any of the Rivers or Inland Waters of this Province, without having on board or conveniently attached as aforesaid, such and so many good and efficient boats properly equipped with oars and other tackle as aforesaid, they or either of them shall forfeit the sum of fifty pounds for each and every time such Boat or Vessel shall so depart or navigate, without being so provided as aforesaid, to be recovered, levied and applied as is directed in and by the seventh section of this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the owner or Captain of every British Steam Boat or Vessel departing from any port or place in this Province to any port or place within or without the same, by Sea, with passengers, shall provide and have on board in some convenient place, not less than twenty four good and sufficient fire buckets, and six good and sufficient lanterns, under the penalty of fifty pounds for each and every time such Boat or Vessel shall so depart without being provided as aforesaid, to be recovered, levied and applied as is directed in and by the seventh section of this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That every Steam Boat or Vessel propelled by steam carrying passengers to or from any port or place within this Province, shall be provided with a good, safe and convenient gangway to the wharf at which she may be lying, such gangway to be not less than two feet wide, with a good hand rail on each side thereof, suitable for landing and embarking of passengers to and from such Steam Boat or Vessel as aforesaid, at all times of the tide; such landing or gangway to be separate and distinct from that used for landing or loading coals or cargo; and for the greater security of passengers, it shall be incumbent upon the Master or owner of such Vessel or Boat to have a good light placed at each end of such gangway for one hour after arrival at the wharf or place of landing and embarking passengers after dark, that is, from sunset to sunrise, under the penalty of ten pounds for each and every offence.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to appoint three Commissioners resident at the City of Saint John, for the Harbour and River Saint John and the Bay of Fundy; and also three Commissioners resident within the County of Charlotte, for the Harbours and Inland Waters of the said County; and also three Commissioners residing at Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, for the Rivers, Harbours, Inland Waters and Coasts of this Province within the Gulf of Saint Lawrence; which Commissioners so to be appointed, or which have been already appointed, or any one of them, shall be empowered, and they are hereby required and directed respectively to go on board, as often as need be, of any such Steam Vessel; and in the event of any such Steam Vessel departing or navigating without been equipped with boats, or furnished with fire buckets and lanterns as aforesaid, as is prescribed and directed in and by this Act, it shall be the duty of such Commissioners respectively, or some or one of them, to report the same to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, in order that the party or parties so offending may be proceeded against in the manner prescribed in and by the seventh section of this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners at the respective places before mentioned, or any two of them, shall have full power and authority, and are hereby required to make such rules and regulations, under such penalties as they may see fit, not exceeding ten pounds for any breach thereof, for the better management of Steam Vessels in navigating the Inland Waters and Harbours of this Province, and on the Coasts within the district thereof, for which they may be appointed, by directing the shewing of light or lights during the night, the shore to be kept nearest to when ascending and descending the River Saint John and other Rivers, and how sailing vessels shall be passed in order to prevent collision and accidents; and every Master, Commander or owner violating

Penalty for plying by sea or in any of the Rivers of the Province without the specified boats.

Fire buckets and lanterns to be provided for sea going boats.

Steam Vessels carrying passengers to be provided with a safe gangway to the wharf, to be lighted after dark.

Commissioners to be appointed for the Harbour and River Saint John, and Bay of Fundy, also for Charlotte County and Miramichi, to inquire into and report to the Lieutenant Governor deficiencies in the supply of boats, buckets or lanterns.

Commissioners to make regulations with penalties for the better management of Steam Vessels, so as to prevent collisions, &c.