



BY AUTHORITY.

ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. XXVI.

An Act relating to Trespasses on Lands and Lumber.

Section.

1. Offences, before whom triable; penalty; recovery; ownership.

Section.

2. Jurisdiction of other Courts not affected.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Any person who shall commit any offence under the first, second, and third Sections of Chapter 133, of the Revised Statutes, "*Of Trespasses on Lands, Private Property, and Lumber*," in which the lumber, being the subject matter of the trespass or misdemeanor alleged to have been committed, shall not exceed in value twenty five pounds, may be prosecuted to conviction, when such offence is committed in the City and County of Saint John, before the Police Magistrate of the City of Saint John or Parish of Portland; and in any other County, before two Justices of the Peace. The offender shall, at the discretion of the Magistrate or Magistrates before whom the conviction may take place, be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty five pounds, or to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary for a period not exceeding three months; and in case of the non-payment of such penalty, may be dealt with as provided in the twentieth Section of an Act for establishing and maintaining a Police Force in the Parish of Portland in the City and County of Saint John; and the owner of the land on which drift wood or lumber of any kind shall be found, shall be considered the owner thereof as against all persons but the legal owner.

2. Nothing herein contained shall be held to take away the jurisdiction of any Court given by the said Chapter 133, of the Revised Statutes.

CAP. XXVII.

An Act to continue Chapters Forty eight, Forty nine, Fifty, and Fifty one, Title Seven, of the Revised Statutes, "*Of Parish Schools*," and of the Act in amendment thereof.

Certain Parish School Acts continued.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly,—That Chapters 48, 49, 50, and 51, Title VII, of the Revised Statutes, "*Of Parish Schools*," and an Act made and passed in the seventeenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Parish Schools*, be and they are hereby severally continued to be in force and effect until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

CAP. XXVIII.

An Act to amend Title Three, Chapter Twenty, of the Revised Statutes, "*Of the regulations of Light Houses*."

Duty increased on registered Vessels arriving at any Port in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly,—That from and after the passing of this Act there be paid a duty of two pence per ton on all registered vessels arriving at any Port in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, for the support of Light Houses and Light Establishments therein, instead of one penny per ton as imposed by Sections 11 and 12 of the said Chapter.

CAP. XXIX.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Sick and Disabled Seamen.

Duty increased on Vessels arriving at the Ports of Richibucto and Buctouche.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly,—That the master, owner, or consignee of every vessel being of the burthen of sixty tons or upwards, that shall arrive at the Ports of Richibucto and Buctouche, shall pay to the Deputy Treasurer at such Ports the sum of two pence per ton for every ton at which such vessel may be rated in the register thereof, in lieu of one penny per ton as provided to be paid at those Ports by the third Section of Chapter 22, of Title III, of the Revised Statutes, "*Of Sick and Disabled Seamen*."

CAP. XXX.

An Act relating to the Post Office.

Section.

1. Governor in Council to appoint a Postmaster General.
2. To define his duties and make regulations for the department.

Section.

3. Annual salary, amount and period of payment.
4. Postmaster for the City of Saint John, appointment and salary.
5. Act to come in force, when.

Passed 12th April 1855.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to provide for making the office of Postmaster General political, so soon as such arrangement shall be deemed advantageous to the public service;—

Be it enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Governor in Council may appoint a Postmaster General, being a Member of the Executive Council, who shall hold his office during pleasure.

2. The Governor in Council shall define the duties of the Postmaster General, and make such regulations and alterations in the Post Office Department as may be deemed necessary.

3. The Postmaster General shall receive the annual salary of six hundred pounds, payable quarterly by Warrant of the Governor in Council on the Treasury.

4. The Governor in Council may appoint a Postmaster for the City of Saint John, who shall receive an annual salary, not exceeding four hundred pounds, payable quarterly, in the usual manner, and execute a Bond to Her Majesty in such sum as the Governor in Council may prescribe.

5. The Governor in Council shall by Proclamation declare the time when this Act shall come into force.