

the Tonnage of Foreign Vessels entering or clearing at any of the ports in this country, and subject by law to the payment of tonnage dues when so entering or clearing, has ordered and directed that such tonnage dues shall be levied and collected upon the tonnage of such Foreign Vessels, as computed in accordance with the Rules laid down in Part 2 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854—that is to say, in accordance with the British Measurement of such tonnage, and you are therefore to be governed hereafter by the Rule so laid down, should you not already have adopted it in the collection of tonnage dues at your port. It will therefore be your duty to cause Foreign Ships trading at your port subject to the payment of tonnage dues, to be measured under the Rules prescribed by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, referred to; but whenever such ships have been previously measured at any port in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that satisfactory evidence of that fact shall be produced to you, you are to be governed by the British measurement so shown to have been made. I have also to call your attention to the fact that certain Foreign Countries having adopted the British mode of computing the tonnage of ships, you are not called upon to re-measure the ships of such countries, but that you are to be governed by the Tonnage as shown by the Registries of such ships. The only countries so far, that have adopted the Rule of Measurement laid down by the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, are Denmark and the United States of America, official notice of which has been given to the Government of Canada, and is now communicated to you for your future guidance in such cases. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

*Order in Council, December 24th, 1872.*—Orders, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of last Session, that from and after the first day of January next, a duty of ten per cent. is authorized, and it is to be collected on Tea and Coffee imported into Canada from the United States.

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