

Receiver,) assaults any Receiver or person acting for or under him, hinders the saving of property, secretes or removes marks from it so that it may not be recognized as wreck, receives it without informing the Receiver, or offers it for sale, or keeps it in his possession without lawful title, he may be imprisoned for 6 months and fined \$400. A J. P., on application of the Receiver, may grant a search warrant for secreted wreck. The first charge on wreck is remuneration to the salvor of life, and if the vessel and cargo is destroyed so that it will not produce it, the M. M. F. may grant a reward. A reasonable amount of salvage shall be given to salvors of cargo, &c. Disputes as to salvage of \$100 or under may be heard before the Receiver with appeal to the Minister; in other cases before any court of competent jurisdiction. The Receiver, in case of dispute, appoints a valuator who values the wreck, and his valuation is received as evidence. The Receiver may seize property alleged to be liable for salvage, and detain it till salvage is paid or security given, or judgment in the case. In 14 days after judgment the Receiver may sell wreck for salvage. The Receiver apportion salvage in cases he has decided, and the court orders its apportionment in others. A schedule of fees of Receivers, &c., is appended to the Act. The jurisdiction of courts of vice admiralty is preserved. The Ministers of Inland Revenue and Customs may permit wrecked goods to be transported to the port of destination, taking security for the revenue. A person finding spars, timber, &c., afloat within the port of Quebec, must give notice to the Harbour Master under penalty of \$40. The Trinity House settles the salvage. If the finder refuse to deliver thing thus found to the owner, he forfeits \$20 to \$400.

DECK LOADS.

Cap. 56—Any ship sailing from Canada to Europe between 1st October and 16th March, while within Canadian jurisdiction may not carry upon or above any part of the upper deck not within the break or poop or other permanently closed in space, which forms part of the tonnage, any timber or more than 5 spare spars, or store spars, or any cargo of any description to a height of over 3 feet. On a voyage to the West Indies between 15th November and 16th March no cargo can be carried on a spar deck, nor on a vessel with single deck to a height of more than 4ft. 6in. above it or 6in. above the rail. But cargo may be removed to those places in case of leak, &c. Before a ship is cleared the Customs Officers must ascertain and grant a certificate that she is not improperly loaded, having no cargo piled more than 3ft. high on deck in the first class of vessels. If the Master sails without such certificate, or after obtaining it loads in contravention of the Act, he forfeits \$800. Sailing without certificate or improperly loaded he is also guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be punished by imprisonment for 3 months to 2 years. The ship may be seized for fine, and if not paid or security is not given, therefor in 30 days, may be sold. The Act does not apply to British Columbia.

ORDER ON PASSENGER STEAMERS.

Cap. 57—A Master of a passenger steamer

may refuse to receive a drunk or disorderly person on board or one likely to prove an annoyance, and may put him off at any convenient landing place. If, being refused admission such person persists in attempting to enter the steamer, or refuses to leave it when required, or, after warning, continues to molest or annoy a passenger, or if any person being refused admission because the steamer is full and having his fare (if paid) returned or offered to him, persists in attempting to go on board, or being on board, if one refuses to pay his fare or show his ticket when required, he is liable to \$10 fine. For injuring or obstructing a steamer a person incurs a penalty of \$100. The Master may arrest and detain an offender till he can be taken before a J. P.

DESERTION OF SEAMEN.

Cap. 58—Takes away the appeal and certiorari from the decision of the Quarter Sessions, Magistrates or J. P., in cases under the C. S. C., c. 43 and 34 V., c. 32; and the empanelling a jury under 32 and 33 V., c. 31, is in the discretion of the Court.

HARBOUR AND TONNAGE DUES, &c.—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Cap. 59—Repeals an Ordinance of British Columbia on this subject.

SHIP CHANNEL BETWEEN QUEBEC AND MONTREAL.

Cap. 60—The G. in C. may raise \$1,500,000 by way of loan for the purpose of completing the ship channel to 22ft. deep and 300ft. wide upon 5 p. c., 40 years debentures. The work to be performed by the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, or otherwise under superintendence of the P. W. D. The interest and a sinking fund of 1 p. c. is to be paid by the Commissioners out of the harbour dues the same being also paid on any sum voted by Parliament for this purpose. Any insufficiency in revenue to be made up as provided by 35 V., c. 40. (See Year Book of 1873.)

TRINITY HOUSE AND HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS—MONTREAL.

Cap. 61—Abolishes the Montreal Trinity House and transfers its duties, powers and property, with some exceptions (which revert to the Crown) to the Harbour Commissioners from 1st July, 1873. The harbour is extended to Longue Pointe Church, the southern limit being the middle of the river above St. Helen's Island, along the northern shore thereof to its lower end, thence towards the south shore to the 10ft. low water line, and along that to a point opposite the lower limit on the north shore, including Isle Ronde or Mouton. After 1st October, 1873, 4 Harbour Comrs are to be appointed by the Crown, 2 to be elected annually by the Board of Trade, 1 by the Corn Exchange Association, 1 by the City Council, and 1 by the Shipping Interest. The Owners, Consignees, or Agents of Shipping resorting to Montreal have 1 vote per \$100 of wharfrage dues paid in the previous year, 2 votes for \$50, and 1 more for each additional \$500. An election is to be held by one of the 4 bodies each year on the 1st Monday of August, the shippers meeting in the Harbour Commissioners' office. One of the five elected shall retire each year by lot.