

least once in 5 years by the Dept. of Inland Revenue. So soon as these are procured and verified the G. in C. will issue a proclamation bringing the Act into force not less than six months after that time. They are to be marked with the No. of cubic feet of contents and No. of lights, at 5 ft. per light per hour under a pressure of 0.5 in. of water. An inspector may enter any premises for purposes of inspection when called on by either producer or consumer. 24 hours' notice of the removal of an unstamped or defective meter must be given by purchaser or consumer to the party. The producer must furnish a place on his premises for testing the purity of gas and proper conveniences and apparatus, keeping them in proper repair and working order. The Inspector may use them any day between 5 and 8 o'clock, p. m. from 1st Oct. to 31st March, and between 7 and 10 p. m. from 1st April to 30th Sept. Penalties are inflicted for forging stamps for meters, or using a meter with a forged stamp, for falsely altering meters or obstructing their action, fixing an unstamped meter or stamping an incorrect or untested meter, or forging certificates, or stamps for fees, recoverable before 1 J. P. if under \$20, or before 2, if above.

#### INSPECTION OF STAPLE ARTICLES.

*Cap. 49*—Provides for the inspection of various articles. (See elsewhere.)

#### OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.

*Cap. 50*—Rape is made punishable with death or imprisonment for not less than 7 years: Assault with intent, with imprisonment and not exceeding 7 years.

#### PROCEDURE RESPECTING INSANE CRIMINALS.

*Cap. 51*—The removal from prison to other safe custody of an insane prisoner may be ordered on any testimony satisfactory to the L. G., and in case of a person held to find bail to keep the peace, &c., as well as one in custody for an offence.

#### IMPRISONMENT IN A PENITENTIARY.

*Cap. 52*—Persons under sentence of imprisonment for not less than a year may be confined in the Penitentiaries of N. S. and N. B. if committed before 1st May, 1875, and for less than 2 years before 1st May, 1876.

#### INSPECTION OF STEAMBOATS.

*Cap. 53*—The Board of Inspectors may make rules and regulations for the guidance of inspectors in carrying out the law, subject to approval by the G. in C. Certified copies of the proceedings of the Board shall be sent to the M. M. and F. Temporary certificates granted under 31 V., c. 65, s. 25, have force for 6 months. Fee therefor \$5, to go to Inspection Fund. The G. in C. may exempt any ferry boats from the law respecting boats and life preservers and make other rules for them.

#### PILOTAGE.

*Cap. 54*—Provides a general law for Pilotage. (See elsewhere.)

#### WRECK AND SALVAGE.

*Cap. 55*—The Governor may appoint an officer of Customs or other person Receiver of Wreck and assign him a district. At Quebec, Halifax and St. John, the agent of the M. M. F. will act *ex officio* till such appointment, and elsewhere the principal officer of Customs. A Receiver has all the powers respecting investigations into shipwrecks, &c., of such officer of Customs under 32, 33 V., c. 38. (See *Year Book of 1870*.) On being informed of the wreck or stranding of a vessel or its being in distress within his district, he is to proceed to the spot to take charge of the wreck or salvage, having authority over all employed therein, unless the master or owner of the vessel objects. A person disobeying him forfeits \$200. He may command the assistance of persons at hand, of any vessel and crew, and of horses, carts, &c. A person refusing aid forfeits \$20 per day. The Receiver and his assistants may pass over any land near the shore and use any for piling and guarding wreck saved, paying damages as salvage is paid. If the owner of such lands hinders, he forfeits \$400. The Receiver may cause the arrest and detention of any person found plundering a wreck or vessel in distress till he can conveniently be taken before a magistrate, and use force to do so, and if a person resist him and is wounded, maimed or killed, neither he nor his heirs have any recourse for damages. The master of a vessel so in distress, &c., may also use force to prevent persons from boarding the vessel, with like immunity. In absence of the Receiver the following persons may act as such in the order named, viz: Any principal officer of Customs, Fishery Officer, Stipendiary Magistrate on board of a Canadian fishery protective vessel, officer of Inland Revenue, Sheriff, J. P., officer on full pay in the Navy, in the Army, or Light House Keeper—handing over the wreck saved to the Receiver. When any person having possession of wreck does not deliver it to the Receiver or hold it on conditions prescribed by the M. M. F., he forfeits his claim to salvage and incurs a penalty of double the value of the wreck and \$300. The Receiver must, within 48 hours, post a description of the wreck in his possession, at the Custom House, transmitting a duplicate to the M. M. F. The owner may claim it within 1 year, or the consul of any foreign owner for him. If the goods saved are of a dangerous nature, or it will be advantageous for the owner, the Receiver may sell them, or he may do so if the owner do not pay salvages within 20 days after he has proved title and been notified by the Receiver. Unclaimed wreck is to be sold in 1 year and the proceeds, less costs or salvage, paid over to the R. G. Marine store dealers must have their names with the words "dealer in Marine Stores" printed in letters 3 by 2½. on some conspicuous place of each place of business or deposit, and keep a book with a full description of all articles purchased and from whom, and must produce and deliver it to the Receiver when required, under a penalty of \$10 for first offence, and \$200 for each subsequent. A person impeding saving of life, or of a vessel from wreck, or stealing, or destroying wreck, or selling any vessel or wreck without title is guilty of felony and liable to imprisonment for 7 years. If one board a vessel against the master's will, (unless by command of the