

8. The Port Warden, if requested by any person having shipped cargo on board of a vessel, and at the expense of such person, shall proceed on board of such vessel and examine whether she is in a fit state to proceed to sea or not; if she is found unfit the Port Warden shall state in what particular, and shall notify the master not to leave the port until the required conditions have been fulfilled.

9. The Port Warden shall, when required, estimate the value and measurement of any vessel, when the same is in dispute or otherwise needed, and shall record the same in the books of his office.

10. It shall be the duty of every Auctioneer making a sale of any vessel condemned, or ship's materials, or goods damaged on board a ship or vessel, whether sea-going or of inland navigation, sold for benefit of underwriters or others concerned, in the City of Montreal, to file a statement of the same at the office of the Port Warden within ten days after such sale: no underwriters' sale shall take place until after at least two days public advertisement in not less than two English and one French newspapers in the City of Montreal, and such sale shall not be at an hour earlier than twelve, nor later than three o'clock in the day.

11. It shall be the duty of the Port Warden, when required in writing, by all parties in interest, to hear and arbitrate upon any difficulty or matter in dispute between the master or consignee of any ship or vessel, and any proprietor, shipper, or consignee of the cargo, and keep a record thereof.

12. No goods, vessels or other property shall be sold as damaged for account of underwriters, unless a regular survey and condemnation has previously been had, and the Port Warden shall, in all such cases, be one of the surveyors.

13. Before proceeding to act in any case in the per-