

XXXII. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to cause a list of all licensed Stevedores to be suspended in some conspicuous place in the office of the said Board, and it shall be the duty of every licensed Stevedore, immediately upon his having contracted for the stowing of any vessel, to report the same, together with the name of such vessel, to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall keep a list of all Stevedores so employed, to which, as well as to said list, all persons desiring the same shall have reference; and in the event, at any time, of all licensed Stevedores being engaged in stowing ships, it shall be competent to any licensed Stevedore already engaged to undertake the stowing of any vessel for which no disengaged Stevedore can be procured, and to commence the stowing thereof by one of his most skilful apprentices, but which apprentice shall be removed at the instance of and replaced by the licensed Stevedore who shall first report himself as disengaged at the office of the said Board; and the work performed by any such apprentice shall be estimated by the said Chief Stevedore, and the value thereof shall accrue to the licensed Stevedore in whose employment he may be.

List of Licensed Stevedores to be kept posted up.

XXXIII. If any dispute or difficulty shall arise between the Master, Agent, or any person interested in the stowing of the cargo of any ship or vessel, and the Stevedore hired or engaged to stow the same, in regard to the proper stowing of such cargo, or in regard to any other matter or thing connected therewith, it shall be competent to the said Master, Agent, or other persons so interested therein, and to the said Stevedore, by application to the said Chief Stevedore, in writing, to demand an enquiry into the said difficulty, or a survey of the work performed, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Chief Stevedore to name and appoint any one of the members of the said Board, as arbitrator on behalf of such Stevedore, to repair along with a Shipmaster or other competent person, to be appointed as arbitrator on behalf of the said Master, Agent, or other person, in order to investigate such dispute or difficulty and to hold such survey; and such arbitrators shall make such order in the premises for the remedying of the evil complained of, by suspending for a limited time such Stevedore, or otherwise, as to them may seem just and reasonable; and the reasonable expenses consequent upon such arbitration shall be borne by that one of the said parties against whom the said arbitrators may award; Provided always that, in the event of any difference of opinion arising between the said arbitrators in relation to the said enquiry or survey, they shall call in as umpire the said Chief Stevedore to decide the same, and that no such Stevedore shall be suspended, unless the determination of the said arbitrators to that effect be duly reported to the said Boards, and conceded by them. And provided, also, that it shall at all times be competent to the said Chief Stevedore, upon his being thereto required by any of the parties interested therein, to repair on board of any vessel engaged in shipping her cargo, and to inspect the same, and thereupon to report his doings to the said Board, if he shall deem the same necessary.

In case of disputes between Stevedores and Masters of vessels.

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XXXIV. It shall be the duty of the Chief Stevedore to have an office in a central and convenient place for the transaction of the business of the said Board and its Officers, which office shall be kept open by him, or the said Secretary-Treasurer, on every day, Sundays excepted, from the hour of six in the morning until the hour of six in the evening, during the season of Navigation; and during ordinary office hours at other seasons of the year; and the reasonable expenses of such office shall be paid out of the monies at the disposal of the said Board, under the provisions of this Act.

Office of Chief Stevedore.