

XVI. The said Board shall meet to test the skill, capacity and qualifications of all applicants to be licensed as Stevedores, and to grant licenses to such as are qualified to receive licenses, and for all and every the purpose of this Act, and each member of said Board, before acting
 5 as such, shall take the oath contained in the Schedules A and B herewith annexed, to be administered by one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

Board to grant licenses, etc.

XVII. The Board of Trade shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors or Examiners, by publishing in two newspapers in the City of
 10 Quebec, one in the French language, the other to be published in the English language; said meeting to be called to meet within fifteen days after the passing of this Act.

Meeting of Board of Directors.

XVIII. Within one calendar month after the first meeting of the said Board, it shall be lawful for them to recommend to be licensed
 15 as Stevedores all persons applying for the same, upon the said Board being satisfied, either from personal examination or otherwise, that said applicants have publicly practised the trade of Stevedore during, at least, three seasons of navigation, previous to the passing of this Act; and also of their fitness and capacity to exercise the said trade of Stevedore, and not afterward, except in the manner hereinafter specified.

Who may be recommended as Stevedores.

XIX. That within one calendar month after public notice by the said Board to that effect, it shall be lawful for all persons then or previously engaged in the trade or occupation of ship-stowing, and not practising
 25 as Stevedores, and who may be desirous of qualifying themselves thereafter as such, to enter their names as apprentices with some licensed Stevedore, who shall enquire into the time during which such person may have followed such occupation, and after the expiration of one calendar month, shall certify to the said Board what further period of apprenticeship will be necessary to entitle such person to apply for a
 30 license to practise as a Stevedore.

Apprenticeship required in certain cases.

XX. From and after the first meeting of the said Board, all persons desirous of acquiring the trade of Stevedore, and obtaining a license to practise as such, shall be held to enter into and perform an apprenticeship of five consecutive years or seasons of navigation with
 35 some licensed Stevedore, and at the expiration of that period to undergo an examination by the said Board, previously to their obtaining a certificate of qualification.

Duration of regular apprenticeship.

XXI. It shall be lawful for the Board of Examiners to grant licenses
 40 which shall be issued by the Chief Stevedore to all persons duly qualified to practise the trade of a Stevedore.

Granting of Licenses.

XXII. From and after the expiration of the said period of one month next after the day of the first meeting of the said Board, any person who shall stow or commence the stowing of the cargo of any ship or vessel, in the capacity of Stevedore, or who shall have bargained or
 45 contracted for the stowing of any such cargo in such capacity, or who shall, directly or indirectly, practise the trade of Stevedore, without being thereto duly licensed, shall, upon being duly convicted thereof, forfeit and incur a penalty not exceeding currency; but nothing in this Act contained shall restrict any Master of a Vessel,
 50 Shipowner, Agent or other persons, as to the choice of a Stevedore having the qualification to stow or contract for the stowing of any vessel.

Penalty on practising as a Stevedore without license.