

Other duties  
of chairman.

of such investigation shall be forthwith communicated, in writing, to the minister; he shall receive and examine all reports and accounts of inspectors, and report fully to the minister upon all matters pertaining to his official duties, so as to ensure, as far as possible, a uniform and efficient administration of the inspection laws, rules and regulations. 5

Inspection to  
be made at  
least yearly.

Certificate.

Penalty.

Duration of  
certificate.

Steamboat  
without certi-  
ficate may be  
seized.

Subsequent  
injury to hull  
or machinery  
to be reported.

Penalty.

Owners and  
officers of  
steamboats to  
answer ques-  
tions.

**11. 1.** The master or owner of every steamboat liable to inspection under this Act, shall cause the boiler and machinery and the hull and equipment thereof, or the boiler and machinery alone as the case may be, to be inspected at least once every year, and shall deliver to a chief officer of customs one of the certificates thereof; and for every neglect to cause such inspection to be made, and a certificate thereof to be delivered to a chief officer of customs, such master or owner shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars. 10 15

**2.** Every such certificate, unless sooner revoked, shall be good for a period of twelve months from the date thereof, or for such less period as is stated by the inspector in the certificate, [and every steamboat running without such certificate on board shall be seized and detained by any chief officer of customs or by any other person thereunto directed by the Minister]. 20

**3.** In any case in which a steamboat requiring inspection is not ready for such inspection when the inspector is in the vicinity of such steamboat for the purpose of inspecting steamboats or from any other cause the inspector has to return to inspect such steamboat, the expenses incurred by the inspector in returning to inspect or to complete inspection of such steamboat shall be paid by the owner and if not paid forthwith the steamboat shall subject to the directions of the minister be liable to be seized and detained until such expenses have been paid.] 25 30

**12.** The master, owner or engineer of every steamboat, or the person in charge thereof, shall, at the earliest opportunity after the occurrence of any event whereby the hull, or the machinery or boiler thereof, or any part of any or either of the same is, in any material degree, injured, strained or weakened, report such occurrence to an inspector; and in case of omission to give such notice, the master shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and the owner of the steamboat shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than fifty dollars and shall also be liable for costs; and if the injury is in respect to the machinery or boiler or any part of the same, the engineer shall be deemed guilty of negligence. 35 40 45

**13.** Every inspector may, at all times when inspecting, visiting or examining any boilers and machinery or the hull of any steamboat, ask of any or all of the owners, officers or engineers of such steamboat, or other person on board thereof