

ship, or shall be absent therefrom without leave, shall, for every such offence, incur a penalty not exceeding *ten pounds* currency.

XX. All row-boats, sail-boats, or other small water craft, *plying* in the harbour of Quebec after midnight and before sun-rise, may be hailed and stopped by any member of the Water Police force for the purpose of ascertaining whether any of the persons on board such boat be engaged in any unlawful purpose. If such Policeman have just reason to suspect that the persons in such boat are engaged in or about to effect some unlawful purpose, he may question them as to the business in which they may be then engaged, and in default of their giving a satisfactory account of themselves, they may be detained and taken to a Police Station to be thence brought before a Justice without any unnecessary delay, and dealt with according to law; and all persons in such boats refusing to stop when challenged, or to permit such examination, or in any way obstructing the same, or failing or refusing to give a satisfactory account of themselves, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten pounds*.

Police may stop Boats after midnight.

May detain those in such Boats if they do not give satisfactory account of themselves, &c.

SHIPPING SEAMEN.

XXI. Every Seaman desirous of shipping, shall first exhibit his Registry Ticket to a Shipping Master or Deputy, previously to being shipped, and unless the Seaman shall exhibit such ticket, or satisfactorily account for his inability to do so, such Seaman shall not be shipped.

Seamen without registry ticket not to be shipped.

XXII. No person not being such Shipping Master or Deputy as aforesaid, or not being the owner, part owner, master or person in charge of a Merchant Ship, or the Ship's Husband, shall hire, engage, supply or provide a Seaman to be entered on board any Merchant Ship; and no person whatever other than the owner, part owner, master or person in charge of a Merchant Ship, or the Ship's Husband, shall demand or obtain the Register Ticket of any Seaman for the purpose or under the pretence of engaging him on board of any Merchant Ship.

Certain persons only may engage or supply Seamen, &c.

XXIII. No owner, part owner, master or person in charge of any Merchant Ship, or Ship's Husband, shall knowingly receive or accept to be entered on board the said Ship, any Seaman who has been hired, engaged, supplied or provided, to be entered on board thereof, contrary to the provisions of this Act.

Seamen engaged contrary to this Act not to be shipped.

XXIV. It shall not be lawful to employ any person or persons other than such Shipping Master or Deputy, for the purpose of engaging or providing Seamen to be entered on board Merchant Ships; and any such Shipping Master or Deputy, knowingly employing any other person for the purpose aforesaid, shall

Shipping Master or his Deputy only to be engaged to provide Seamen.