

Board being satisfied either from personal examination, or otherwise, that such applicants have publicly practised the trade of Stevedore, during at least two seasons of navigation previous to the passing of this Act, 5 and also of their fitness and capacity to exercise the said trade of Stevedore, and not afterwards, except in the manner hereinafter specified; provided that due notice thereof be given by the said Superintendent of Stevedores and Chairman, simultaneously with the notice of the first meeting of the said Board hereinbefore directed to be given; And provided always that it shall be lawful for the said Board, at any time within two years after 15 the said first meeting thereof, in the event of the illness or the absence from this Province, of any person or persons who may at and before the time of the passing of this Act, have publicly exercised during the seasons 20 of navigation, the trade of Stevedore as aforesaid, at the said Port of Quebec, upon application of such person or persons within the period aforesaid, to recommend him or them to be licensed as such Stevedore or 25 Stevedores as aforesaid, upon the said Board being satisfied, by personal examination or otherwise, of his or their fitness to exercise the said trade, without such person or persons being obliged to serve any further ap- 30 prenticeship thereto.

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V. And be it enacted, 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 35 the trade or occupation of shipstowing, and not practising as Stevedores, and who may be desirous of qualifying themselves thereafter as such; to enter their names as apprentices, with some licensed Stevedore, 40 who shall enquire into the time, (without regard to continuity,) during which such persons may have followed such occupation, and after the expiration of a period equal to one calendar month, during the season of naviga- 45