

3. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall incur a penalty of twenty dollars. 37 V., c. 32, s. 13 and s. 26, part.

*Penalty for violation.*

18. The port warden, when required in writing by all parties in interest, shall hear and arbitrate upon any difficulty or matter in dispute between the master or consignee of any vessel, and any proprietor, shipper or consignee of the cargo, and shall keep a record of the proceedings. 37 V., c. 32, s. 14.

*Port warden to arbitrate between master and consignee, &c.*

19. No goods, vessels or other property at a place where there is a port warden, shall be sold as damaged for the benefit of underwriters or others concerned, unless there has been a regular survey and condemnation; and the port warden shall, in all such cases, be one of the surveyors. 37 V., c. 32, s. 15.

*Sale of damaged vessels or goods on account of underwriters.*

20. Before proceeding to act in any case in the performance of his duties, the port warden shall give reasonable notice, when practicable, to all parties interested or concerned in the case. 37 V., c. 32, s. 16.

*Notice by port warden*

21. All notices, requests or requirements to or from the port warden, shall be given in writing a reasonable time before action is required or taken. 37 V., c. 32, s. 17.

*And to him.*

22. If the consignee of a vessel or cargo, or other person upon whose requisition any proceedings should be taken under this Act, cannot be found or cannot be communicated with by the port warden before or at the time at which it is necessary that such proceedings should be taken to avoid loss or damage to the person interested in such vessel or cargo, the port warden may initiate proceedings in such case and hold surveys and obtain process under this Act, as if required by the proper persons under this Act. 45 V., c. 46, s. 1.

*When the port warden may initiate proceedings*

23. If any dispute arises between the port warden and any person interested in any case where his presence has been required, either party may appeal to the council of the board of trade or chamber of commerce, if there is one at the port; and the secretary of such board or chamber, on a requisition being presented to him to that effect, shall summon forthwith a meeting of the said council,—who, or not less than three of whom, shall immediately investigate and report on the case submitted to them; and the determination of a majority of them, made in writing, shall be final and conclusive. 37 V., c. 32, s. 22.

*Disputes with port warden to be settled by board of trade.*

24. The person against whom the council of the board of trade or chamber of commerce decides, shall pay all the expenses; and the council shall determine the amount of fees or charges payable in each case,—but such fees and charges shall never exceed twenty dollars. 37 V., c. 32, s. 23.

*Costs in such case.*