

who may at and before the time of the passing of this Act, have publicly exercised during the seasons of navigation, the business 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  
 5 licensed as such Stevedore or Stevedores as aforesaid, upon the said Board being satisfied, by personal examination or otherwise, of his or their fitness to exercise the said business, without such person or persons being obliged to serve any further apprenticeship thereto.

V. And be it enacted, That within one calendar month after public  
 10 notice by the said Board to that effect, it shall be lawful for all persons then or previously engaged in the business or occupation of ship-stowing, 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, who shall enquire into the time, (without  
 15 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 navigation in the River St. Lawrence, shall certify to the said Board, what further period of apprenticeship, (without interruption unless of the said seasons of navigation,) will be necessary  
 20 to entitle such person to apply for a license to practise as a Stevedore; and the certificate of such licensed Stevedore shall be conclusive in the premises, subject nevertheless, to be revised and altered by the said Board, upon good cause shewn; and each licensed Stevedore, upon the expiration of the first mentioned period of one month, shall return to the  
 25 said Board a list of all such apprentices, specifying the required time for each to complete his apprenticeship.

Apprentice-ship of persons partially acquainted with the business at the passing of this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That from and after the first meeting of the  
 said Board, all persons desirous of acquiring the business of Stevedore,  
 and obtaining a license to practice as such, and not entitled to avail  
 30 themselves of the provisions hereinbefore mentioned, shall be hold to enter into and perform an apprenticeship of five consecutive years or seasons of navigation, with 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; Provided  
 35 nevertheless, that it shall be in the discretion of the said Board, in the event of the interruption of the continuity of the said apprenticeship of five years or seasons of the navigation, upon good cause shewn, and if they think fit so to do, to examine any apprentice so circumstanced, and to order that he shall serve such further apprenticeship as may be by the  
 40 said Board deemed reasonable in order to complete his apprenticeship, without forfeiture of the period or periods already performed.

Apprentice-ship of five years necessary to qualify as Stevedore.

Proviso.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor to  
 grant licenses, which shall be issued by the Superintendent of Stevedores to all persons duly qualified to practice the business of a Stevedore, upon the production of a certificate of fitness and qualification from  
 45 the said Board of Examiners, provided that each applicant shall execute a Bond with two sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the said Superintendent, to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors in the penal sum of  
 of currency, each, to be taken and acknowledged

Manner of issuing licenses.