

the wharf or shed, or to the goods thereon and therein, shall be discharged, placed, or landed on such wharf or in any such store.

73. No goods shall be landed or shipped in wet weather without the permission of the Wharfinger, but the giving of such permission shall not throw upon the Minister of Public Works any liability for damage to such goods caused by handling in wet weather. The determination of the Wharfinger that the weather is wet shall be conclusive.

74. The Wharfinger is empowered to take charge of and store cargo and goods if not removed forthwith from the wharf by the consignee or the master, owner, or agent of the vessel landing the same, or to cause the same to be delivered to the consignee or to the master, owner, or agent of such vessel at the expense and risk of such consignee, master, owner, or agent, or to remove the same to any of the premises of the Minister of Public Works, or other convenient place, and to keep the same until payment to the Minister of Public Works of the expenses of such removal and of the keeping of the goods, and of all other charges due to the Minister of Public Works thereupon; and, in default of payment, on behalf of the Minister of Public Works to sell the same in the manner and at the time and in accordance with the provisions set out in clause 34 hereof.

75. If any goods shall, without permission from the Wharfinger, remain upon the wharf or on the approaches thereto, or in any store or warehouse in which goods may be placed, for a longer time than shall be allowed by these regulations, it shall be lawful for the Wharfinger to open and examine the same before the goods are dealt with under the provisions set out in clause 34 hereof.

76. The Minister of Public Works shall not be bound to find storage room, either in any store or on the wharf, for any goods when in the opinion of the Wharfinger no sufficient accommodation is available. After notification to the owners, shippers, or consignees of any goods, or to the master, owner, or agent of the vessel discharging or receiving the same, that room is not available for the proper stowage of such goods within the stores, the Minister of Public Works shall not be responsible for any loss or damage that may accrue to the goods, by the elements or otherwise, during the time they remain on the wharf.

77. The Minister of Public Works shall not be responsible for loss or damage to goods, while in his custody, by fire, water used in extinguishing fire, vermin, earthquake, theft, robbery, or other like causes, except when due to the negligence of the Minister of Public Works or his officers.

78. In the event of a fire happening on any vessel or on the wharf, or in any store adjacent to any vessel, the Minister of Public Works, by any of his officers, may take such steps as may be deemed to be advisable to extinguish or reduce such fire, and the Minister of Public Works will not be responsible for any damage done to such vessel, its cargo, or otherwise, in consequence of any action so taken.

In the event of the occurrence of a fire in or upon any of the premises of the Minister of Public Works in or upon which any goods may be stored, or in or upon any vessel lying alongside thereof or premises adjacent thereto so as to imperil the premises of the Minister of Public Works or any goods stored therein or thereon, the Minister of Public Works shall be entitled—

- (a.) To remove, either during the continuance of such fire or after its extinguishment, such goods or the remains thereof to any of the premises of the Minister of Public Works or other convenient place, and to recover from the owner of such goods any costs or expenses incurred by the Minister of Public Works in such removal and in protecting, safe-guarding, or conserving the same or any part thereof, or the remains thereof, during or after such fire, until possession thereof shall be taken by the owner.
- (b.) By notice in writing to require the owner of such goods, or the remains thereof, forthwith to remove the same; and such owner shall forthwith remove the same.
- (c.) In the event of such owner neglecting or failing to comply with such notice to remove the said goods, or the remains thereof, to any of the premises of the Minister of Public Works or other convenient place, and to recover from such owner the costs of and incidental to such removal, protecting, safe-guarding, and conserving the said goods during or after such fire, until possession thereof shall be taken by such owner.
- (d.) In the event of any such goods being destroyed or so damaged as to be incapable of being identified as the property of any particular owner, to recover from each of the owners of the said goods so destroyed or damaged as to be incapable of being identified as aforesaid such part of the expenses and costs in-

curred by the Minister of Public Works in removing, protecting, and safe-guarding, or conserving the same, or the remains thereof, as shall be proportionate to the respective tonnage of each owner's goods, which tonnage shall be determined according to the method by which such tonnage is estimated for the payment of storage charges.

- (e.) The word "owner" where used in this regulation shall mean and include any consignor, consignee, shipper, or agent for sale or custody, or insurer of any goods, as well as the owner thereof, and the master or agent of any vessel landing or to load the same, and any other person having any right, title, or interest in or to such goods or the possession thereof.

In the event of the occurrence of a fire in or upon any of the premises of the Minister of Public Works, or in or upon any vessel lying alongside thereof or premises adjacent thereto so as to imperil the premises of the Minister of Public Works or any goods stored therein or thereon, the Minister of Public Works shall be entitled to recover from the owners, masters, or agents of any vessel any costs and expenses incurred by the Minister of Public Works in removing, protecting, safe-guarding, or conserving such vessel from such fire.

VEHICLES.

79. Vehicles conveying passengers to vessels shall, on the passengers alighting, be removed from the wharf and its vicinity without delay, excepting when waiting an approaching vessel, and then may be allowed to remain not more than one hour.

Vehicles awaiting passengers shall draw up in a line on the approach to the wharf or elsewhere in such a position and manner as may from time to time in each case be directed by the Harbourmaster or Wharfinger, or some person authorized by either of them in that behalf.

All persons in charge of vehicles, whether for conveying passengers or goods or otherwise, shall be under the control of the Harbourmaster or Wharfinger, and such persons shall immediately on being so ordered by the said Harbourmaster or Wharfinger remove any such vehicle to such other place as may be directed.

No person shall ride any bicycle or tricycle or suchlike vehicle upon the wharf.

No person shall cause to be carried off or on the wharf a greater weight than $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons on one pair of wheels, and no greater weight than $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons at one time shall be allowed to go off or on the wharf except by the permission of the Harbourmaster or Wharfinger.

No person shall ride on horseback on the wharf.

Any person in charge of a vehicle in the vicinity of the wharf shall before leaving the side of such vehicle pass through the near wheel or wheels thereof a chain or chains, so as to effectually prevent the rotation of such wheel or wheels.

SHIPPING WHARFAGE.

For every vessel hauling alongside the wharf or landing-places, or any of them, the master or owner shall pay 10s. per quarter for vessels of 20 tons register and under, and 6d. per ton per quarter additional for vessels over 20 tons, such payment to be made in advance, at the office of the Harbourmaster or Wharfinger, the quarters being computed from the 1st days of January, April, July, and October in each year.

For every vessel not paying quarterly as aforesaid the master or owner shall pay, for every day or part of a day such vessel is alongside the wharf or landing-places or any of them, 2s. 6d. for the first 20 tons of registered tonnage, and $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per ton for each additional ton of such tonnage.

For every vessel occupying a berth outside another vessel one-half of the above rates shall be paid.

80. No passengers or goods shall, except with the consent in writing of the Harbourmaster or Wharfinger under the next following clause of these regulations, be embarked or landed, shipped or discharged, except at the wharf or landing-places.

81. The Harbourmaster or Wharfinger may give his consent in writing to any goods being landed on or shipped from any place or places other than the wharf or landing-places mentioned in the last preceding clause of these regulations, upon being satisfied that such goods can be more conveniently landed on or shipped from such place or places than on or from the wharf or landing-places, and upon payment to him by the consignor or consignee of such goods of a charge equal to one-half of the wharfage dues which would be payable on or in respect of such goods had the same been landed on or shipped from the wharf.

RECEIVING GOODS-SHEDS AND COAL-YARDS.

82. The goods-shed shall be open during ordinary business hours as defined by Regulation No. 90 for the reception,