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REPORT

OF THE

Commissioners of Pilotage,

FOR

NEW JERSEY,

For the Year Ending December 1st,

1876.

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Commissioners of Pilotage for New Jersey.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF NEW JERSEY PILOT COMMISSIONERS,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., January 1st, 1877.

To his Excellency, Joseph D. Bedle, Governor of New Jersey:

SIR:—The Board of Commissioners of Pilotage of the State of New Jersey, have the honor to submit their annual report as follows:

The past year has been a successful one for our pilots, notwithstanding the large decrease in the foreign trade of the port of New York, the pilots have been reasonably well compensated.

We are also happy to state that during the year that is past, the whole body of the pilots have faithfully discharged their duties. Not a single disaster of any magnitude, or of such character as to require any censure of the pilot in charge, has occured to any vessel under control of a New Jersey pilot.

For many years, much complaint has been made by the New Jersey fishermen that their rights, as reserved by the treaty between this State and the State of New York, have been interfered with by the New York authorities.

The passage by the Legislature of our State, of the act entitled "An act relative to the fisheries in the waters of the Hudson river," approved April 20th, 1876, by which jurisdiction over this subject was conferred upon this board, has we are happy to report, resulted most favorably. No complaint or occasion of complaint has, since the passage of that act arisen, and such arrangements with the New York Board of Pilot Commissioners, which claims jurisdiction also under the New York statute, will undoubtedly be made as will prevent future trouble on this score.

Tabular statements, showing the details of the transactions of the pilots and of this board, are herewith submitted. In brief, the number of pilots in commission is *forty-six* (46); of appren-

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tices, *thirteen* (13); of pilot boats, *seven* (7). One pilot, *Thomas Leitch*, has been drowned; and one, *Robert D. Burnham*, has died of disease contracted in the line of duty.

One new pilot boat, the "Centennial," has been built and commissioned during the year, and one, the "Zinga," has been sold out of the service.

No further legislation, in regard to the pilotage system, seems necessary at present.

By direction of the Board.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS S NEGUS,
President.

HENRY W. MILLER,
Secretary.

TABULAR STATEMENTS.

PILOT BOATS IN SERVICE DEC. 1ST, 1876.

NAME.	Number.	Tonnage—Government measure.	Number of pilots attached.	Number of apprentices attached.
Thomas S. Negus	1	71.85	7	2
Ezra Nye	2	44.28	6	1
Thos. D. Harrison	3	69 71	7	2
Mary E. Fish	4	56.09	7	2
W. W. Story	5	52.20	6	2
Jas. Gordon Bennett	6	55.78	7	2
Centennial	7	55 25	6	2

In June, 1876, the "Centennial" was commissioned as a New Jersey pilot boat, to be known as No. 7.

CASUALTIES.

November, 1875—Pilot Thos. Leitch drowned.

December, 1875—Rob't D. Burnham died from disease contracted in service.

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VESSELS PILOTED FROM NOV. 1ST, 1875, TO DEC. 1ST, 1876.

	1875.		1876.											
FROM SEA.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	TOTAL.
Steamships....	17	21	12	8	18	17	19	15	18	26	20	19	20	230
Ships	6	7	8	6	13	13	11	7	7	12	9	9	7	115
Barks.....	28	25	38	21	34	57	61	58	60	46	71	42	38	589
Brigs	18	29	26	26	33	31	30	42	25	24	23	19	15	341
Schooners.....	13	8	10	18	32	23	19	18	23	16	8	16	14	218
Totals.....	82	100	94	79	130	141	140	140	133	124	131	105	94	1493
TO SEA.														
Steamships....	19	15	14	11	18	17	19	13	12	27	24	22	13	224
Ships	6	5	8	6	12	5	11	12	8	8	14	8	6	109
Barks.....	43	29	37	32	29	20	57	68	53	44	47	44	47	548
Brigs	14	16	30	28	28	19	20	20	22	25	14	14	18	268
Schooners.....	2	4	3	6	9	4	.....	4	4	8	3	2	5	54
Totals	84	69	92	83	96	65	107	117	99	112	102	90	89	1205
Grand total of all vessels piloted to and from sea.	166	169	186	162	226	206	247	257	322	236	133	195	183	2698

NUMBER OF VESSELS PILOTED FROM "OFF SHORE."

1875.	
November.....	37
December.....	55
1876.	
January.....	68
February.....	41
March	52
April	68
May	58
June	58
July	56
August.....	58
September	72
October.....	66
November.....	44
Total.....	733