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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

For the State of New Jersey, 1873.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
NEW JERSEY PILOT COMMISSIONERS,
JERSEY CITY, Nov. 1, 1873. }

*To His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Legislature of the
State of New Jersey :*

The annual report of the Commissioners of Pilotage for the State of New Jersey for the year ending November 1st 1873, is herewith respectfully submitted and is as follows :

Pilot David A. Thomas, having been found guilty of gross carelessness and incompetency while in charge of the steamship "City of Limerick," has been dismissed from the service.

Also, Pilot John W. Weldon, having been found guilty of incompetency and carelessness whilst in charge of a vessel, has been dismissed from the service.

It is with pain and regret that the Commissioners record the death of Pilot Francis H. Poynton, upon the 23rd of June 1873.

The pilot boat "Jane," No. 1, after many years of useful service, was wrecked on "West Bank," April 2d 1873, while under the charge of the boat-keeper, all of her company of pilots being absent on duty on other vessels.

The yacht "Zinga" was immediately purchased to supply her place, and duly commissioned as New Jersey Pilot Boat No. 5.

The demands of the service requiring more boats, the Thomas S. Negus, No. 1, has been added to the list.

This boat has been built especially for the pilot service and constructed with great care. She has always proved herself a very fast sailer, a fine sea-boat and very efficient in the service.

It is gratifying to your Commissioners to record the past year as one of general prosperity to the pilots, and to point to the report of vessels piloted by them as proof of their constant attention to duty.

Your Commissioners have no recommendations to make in regard to any amendments to the existing pilot laws, believing that they now give ample protection to every interest it is their duty to consider.

STATISTICS.

Number of New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots,	-	-	-	43
" " Apprentices to same,	-	-	-	8
" " Newark Bay and River Pilots,	-	-	-	2
" " Elizabethport and Sound Pilots,	-	-	-	4
" " Perth Amboy Pilots,	-	-	-	3

PILOT BOATS COMMISSIONED AND IN SERVICE.

The "Thos. S. Negus,"	-	-	-	-	No. 1.
" " Ezra Nye,"	-	-	-	-	No. 2.
" " David Mitchell,"	-	-	-	-	No. 3.
" " Mary E. Fish,"	-	-	-	-	No. 4.
" " Zinga,"	-	-	-	-	No. 5.
" " Jas. Gordon Bennett,"	-	-	-	-	No. 6.
" " Jas. W. Elwell,"	-	-	-	-	No. 7.

Number of Vessels Piloted by the New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots from November 1, 1872, to November 1, 1873.

INWARD.		OUTWARD.	
1872.		1872.	
November,	94	November,	75
December,	97	December,	83
1873.		1873.	
January,	100	January,	97
February,	80	February,	91
March,	116	March,	55
April,	93	April,	101
May,	128	May,	92
June,	114	June,	98
July,	112	July,	98
August,	112	August,	97
September,	145	September,	81
October,	111	October,	118
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	1302		1086

Total number of vessels piloted, 2,388.

Of which, 424 were steamers,
 199 " ships,
 983 " barks,
 654 " brigs,
 128 " schooners.

Number of vessels boarded off shore, 906.

With great respect,

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Pilotage for N. J.

A. J. DRAKE, *President.*

Attest:

HENRY W. MILLER, *Secretary.*