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Annual Report

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

For the Year Ending October 31st, 1883,

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

OF

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE,

DECEMBER 1ST, 1883.

THOMAS S. NEGUS (President).....	Jersey City, Hudson county.
JAMES PARKER (Secretary).....	Perth Amboy, Middlesex county.
ROBERT SIMONSON.....	Orange, Essex county.
WILLIAM M. GAMBLE (Commander U. S. N.)...	Morristown, Morris county.
T. ROBINSON WARREN.....	New Brunswick, Middlesex county.
SIMEON B. TOBY.....	Newark, Essex county.
PITNEY CURTIS.....	Spring Lake, Monmouth county.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

December 1st, 1883.

THOMAS A. YERGEN (Treasurer)
JAMES PARKER (Secretary)
WILLIAM H. DAVIS (Commissioner)
WILLIAM W. WARRER (Commissioner)
ERSON A. JOSEY (Commissioner)
STACY CHUTE (Commissioner)

OFFICE OF BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE OF NEW JERSEY,
JERSEY CITY, December 1st, 1883. }

To His Excellency George C. Ludlow, Governor of the State of New Jersey:

SIR—I have the honor to forward the annual report of the Board for the year 1882-3.

By order of the Board,

JAMES PARKER,
Secretary.

REPORT.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE OF NEW JERSEY,
JERSEY CITY, December 1st, 1883. }

To His Excellency George C. Ludlow, Governor of the State of New Jersey :

SIR—The Board has the honor to report as follows, viz. :

Nothing very material has occurred during the year last past.

The expiration of the term of service required by law of the apprentices made it necessary and proper, in the judgment of the Board, to issue to them their licenses as deputy pilots. Accordingly during the past year seventeen (17) of the apprentices have been thus licensed, making the whole number of pilots sixty-five (65). One deputy pilot for Perth Amboy has also been licensed. The pilots have performed their duties thoroughly, and very few complaints, all of them trivial, have been made to the Board. A new and distressing illustration of the dangerous character of the service imposed upon the pilots has lately been given by the sinking of the New York pilot boat "Columbia," No. 8, by the steamship "Alaska," by which accident all the pilots and crew of the "Columbia" were drowned, not a vestige or trace, either of the boat or her company, being seen after the collision.

Some defect in the administration of the law passed year before last for the protection of the navigable waters of this State, the execution of which this Board is charged with, arises from the fact that the Board is not authorized by the law to incur any expense. This prevents the Board from hiring tugs to seize vessels engaged in illegal dumping. While some complaints have been made, principally by oystermen whose oyster beds were being interfered with, the Board has, in each case brought to its notice, found that the particular complainant would compound with the offenders in such manner as to secure future exemption for his own oyster beds and then has dropped the complaint.

The State of New York annually appropriates five thousand dollars for the necessary expense of protecting the harbor of New York.

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So large an appropriation will not be needed from our State; but the Board respectfully suggests to your Excellency the propriety of urging upon the Legislature the necessity of providing, in some way, for the necessary expense of enforcing this salutary law.

To provide for the increased number of pilots it has, by the Board, been deemed proper to license an additional pilot boat. The "Edward E. Barrett," a new vessel, built by Messrs. C. & R. Boillieu, of New York, has accordingly been licensed as No. 8 of the New Jersey Service, and it is thought will add much to its efficiency.

The usual annual table, showing the composition of this Board, the number, names and tonnage of the several pilot boats of the service, and the number and character of the tonnage piloted by the pilots from November 1st, 1882, to November 1st, 1883, are hereto attached.

By order of the Board,

THOMAS S. NEGUS,
President.

JAMES PARKER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PILOT COMMISSIONERS.

TABLE No. 1,

Showing Number and Kind of Vessels Piloted during 1883, by New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots.

MONTHS.	PILOTED INWARDS.						PILOTED OUTWARDS.					
	Steamers.	Ships.	Barks.	Brigs.	Schooners.	Total.	Steamers.	Ships.	Barks.	Brigs.	Schooners.	Total.
1882.												
November	52	6	25	19	14	116	50	3	25	9	1	88
December	45	5	36	28	4	118	44	8	29	16	5	102
1883.												
January ..	30	6	37	21	7	101	31	5	48	23	2	109
February	45	14	32	15	12	118	34	6	19	13	3	75
March.....	48	13	38	19	13	131	56	7	34	10	1	108
April.....	60	10	67	25	15	177	47	7	32	4	90
May.....	31	9	36	27	37	140	27	8	57	24	18	134
June	39	10	49	38	21	157	38	10	27	23	4	102
July.....	44	9	44	24	16	137	37	2	30	20	5	94
August.....	46	7	59	23	11	146	55	9	38	16	5	123
September	35	10	40	13	3	101	43	11	37	14	5	110
October	41	18	39	17	11	126	43	9	28	12	3	95
Total, 1883.....	516	117	502	269	164	1568	505	85	404	184	52	1230
Total, 1882.....	521	115	576	299	135	1648	503	105	530	203	22	1363
Increase		2			29		2				30	
Decrease.....	5		74	30		80		20	126	19		133
Perth Amboy Pilots.....	10	1	10	1	20	50	10	1	16	9	130	166

Total number New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots.....	65
Total number New Jersey Sandy Hook Apprentices	2
Total number Perth Amboy Pilots.....	3

LIST OF PILOT BOATS—NEW JERSEY SANDY HOOK PILOT SERVICE.

No.	Names of Boats.	Tonnage.
1.	Thomas S. Negus.....	71.85
2.	Ezra Nye.....	44.28
3.	Thomas D. Harrison.....	69.71
4.	Mary E. Fish.....	56.07
5.	William W. Story.....	52.20
6.	James Gordon Bennett.....	53.78
7.	Centennial.....	55.25
8.	Edward E. Barrett.....	65.59
	Total tonnage.....	468.73