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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, 1881.

LIST OF THE COMMISSIONERS,

DECEMBER 1st, 1881.

THOMAS S. NEGUS, (President).....	Jersey City, Hudson county.
JAMES PARKER, (Secretary).....	Perth Amboy, Middlesex county.
ANDREW A. SMALLEY.....	Newark, Essex county.
ROBERT SIMONSON.....	Orange, Essex county.
DAVID COX.....	Jersey City, Hudson county.
GEORGE W. JOHNSON.....	Keyport, Monmouth county.
WILLIAM M. GAMBLE.....	Morristown, Morris county.

OFFICE OF
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE,
December 20th, 1881. }

His Excellency, George C. Ludlow, Esq., Governor of New Jersey;

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to forward the annual report
of this Board for the year past.

Very respectfully,

JAMES PARKER,

Secretary.

REPORT.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE OF NEW JERSEY,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 10th, 1881. }

His Excellency, George C. Ludlow, Esq., Governor of New Jersey;

SIR:—The Board would respectfully report that during the past year very little has occurred to note. Few complaints, and those very trivial, with one exception, have been made against the pilots, who have continued to do their duty effectively but unobtrusively. Not a vessel or a life has been lost, while under their charge, for many years.

It affords the Board great pleasure thus to bear witness to the fidelity and skill of a class of men, whom it has been the fashion of late years to abuse and declaim against in vehement terms, as a useless tax upon shipping; but whose presence in all weathers always gives assurance to the mariner of a safe entrance to port.

Our relations, and those of the pilots, to the New York pilot service, has been exceedingly harmonious and pleasant.

Since the passage of the law confiding to this Board jurisdiction over the question of the fisheries in the Hudson river, the complaints of obstructions to navigation therefrom, and of unlawful and arbitrary interference with this industry of our citizens by the New York authorities have almost entirely ceased. The mere existence of a lawfully constituted authority over the subject, has produced a spirit of mutual accommodation that, during the past year, has prevented all complaint.

During the year several complaints have been made to the Board of improper obstruction of the channels of the Arthur Kill, Kill von Kull, Newark and Raritan bays, by dumping, dredgings, and in other ways. To all such complaints the Board could only reply that it is without jurisdiction in the premises. In this connection the Board would call your Excellency's attention to the report of the Board for the year 1879, and would most earnestly recommend that this Board should be clothed by law with power to prevent, and to cause to be arraigned for

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punishment those who commit these offences. The State of New York has, we think, wisely clothed its Board of Commissioners of Pilots with this power. The subject is a very important one, and may well demand the attention of the Legislature.

Tables are appended which show the work of the pilots during the past year, &c., to which attention is asked.

By order of the Board,

THOMAS S. NEGUS,
President.

JAMES PARKER, *Secretary.*

TABLE A.

Showing the number of vessels piloted inwards and outwards, to and from sea, by the New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots, from November 1st, 1880, to October 31st, 1881, inclusive.

MONTHS.	PILOTED INWARDS.						Vessels paying off-shore pilotage.	PILOTED OUTWARDS.					
	Steamships.	Ships.	Barks.	Brigs.	Schooners.	Total.		Steamships.	Ships.	Barks.	Brigs.	Schooners.	Total.
1880.													
November.....	32	14	55	18	3	122	30	34	9	40	13	1	97
December.....	41	6	37	13	2	99	27	30	11	49	9	1	100
1881.													
January.....	39	7	59	13	10	128	39	40	14	34	12	1	101
February.....	34	12	58	31	9	144	33	30	7	47	8	1	93
March.....	39	14	52	17	15	137	39	45	14	61	21	4	145
April.....	34	10	70	24	16	154	45	36	10	48	13	6	113
May.....	55	16	76	42	14	203	54	49	7	47	23	2	128
June.....	43	5	77	32	23	180	41	43	14	68	19	2	146
July.....	32	8	80	21	14	155	32	31	3	50	18	4	106
August.....	43	8	75	29	8	163	53	34	4	81	19	2	140
September.....	53	9	58	16	2	138	28	51	9	47	10	2	119
October.....	31	12	55	15	4	117	42	38	7	46	8	2	101
Total, 1881.....	476	121	752	271	120	1740	463	461	109	618	173	28	1389
Total, 1880.....	433	174	913	331	143	1994	.....	419	158	857	245	31	1710
Increase.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	53	161	60	23	254	.....	.....	49	239	72	3	321

Total number of New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots.....	48
Total number of New Jersey Sandy Hook Apprentices.....	27
Total number of Perth Amboy Pilots.....	3

Total number vessels piloted by Perth Amboy Pilots, 1880-1881—

Inwards	60
Outwards	65

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

No.	Name	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
Total tonnage.....		403.14