

Captain Betts urged that the same benefits accorded to Merchant Seamen be granted Halifax Pilots while Mr. Power dealt particularly with the 10 per cent War Service Bonus. They state that the Halifax Pilots were continuously subject to great risk, the Pilot Boat's position being some miles outside the R.C.N. Examination Vessel; that they were out in all weather day and night in waters infested by enemy submarines; that they were at times overcarried as far as New England and the West Indies and have been taken off ship by the R.C.N. several hundred miles out to sea; that during the war six pilots and three crewmen were killed on duty and others severely injured and some discharged as a result of injuries or illness incurred in the course of their duties. They urge that as the crews of the ships which carried the pilots were subject to war risk, so were the pilots.

By Order in Council P.C. 104/3546 dated April 30, 1942, which superseded previous regulations, pension is awardable for disability or death suffered by any licensed pilot as a result of enemy action while in the performance of his duties at the following rates:

For Licensed Pilots.....	Lieutenant (Navy);
For Licensed Apprentice Pilots...	Sub-Lieutenant (Navy).

Commander Edwards stated:—

- (1) The number of pilots normally employed at Halifax before the war was twenty. The number was gradually increased during the war to meet convoy requirements. A maximum of forty-four pilots, twenty permanent and twenty-four temporary, were employed at the close of 1942. At present there are nineteen permanent and four temporary pilots. Twelve temporary pilots were released from service on the 30th September, 1945, on account of reduction in shipping traffic.
- (2) Permanent pilots are licensed until they are sixty-five years of age. Their licences can be suspended or cancelled under the Pilotage By-laws. Temporary pilots appointed during the war received temporary licences for one year from the date of appointment, with renewal from year to year during the war period. Temporary pilots were free to resign at any time. After appointment, temporary pilots, after a probationary period of three months at two-thirds full pay, were given the same remuneration as permanent pilots.
- (3) Six pilots (five permanent and one temporary), were drowned when the pilot vessel *Hebridean* was sunk on 29th March, 1940. The vessel sank at the entrance to Halifax Harbour after collision with an incoming vessel. Three members of the crew of the *Hebridean* were lost at the same time.
- (4) No increase in pilotage charges was made at Halifax during the war, nor was any bonus for war risk paid the pilots.
- (5) The net average earnings of Halifax pilots from 1939 to 1945 are:—

For fiscal year:

1938-39.. . . . .	\$3,228 36
1939-40.. . . . .	7,549 45
1940-41.. . . . .	8,299 17
1941-42.. . . . .	9,268 28
1942-43.. . . . .	5,538 00
1943-44.. . . . .	5,713 66
1944-45.. . . . .	4,817 06

Net earnings are made after upkeep and maintenance of pilot boats and crews have been paid, and contributions made to the Pension Fund.