

5th and 6th
Schooners.

The fifth and sixth schooners shall cruise for the service of the Pilots generally, the conveyance of Pilots, and the rendering of assistance to the shipping between Ile Saint Bernabé and Cape Colombier and Quebec, and when they shall not be so engaged they may be stationed at the Brandy Pots, and cruise in company and embark Pilots throughout the whole of the Port of Quebec, from the limits hereinbefore assigned to the fourth schooner. 5

What shall be
understood as
a Schooner.

The word "schooner" shall be understood to mean any Pilot vessel, whether the same be a sailing or steam vessel; and such vessels shall be of at least forty tons burthen, and shall have distinguishing marks and occupy by turns the posts and stations hereinbefore prescribed, in pursuance of the regulations hereinafter authorised to be made: Provided always, that the Board of Directors of Pilots shall be empowered to increase the number of vessels at one or more or at all of the stations, but shall not be empowered to alter the stations, or to leave a station without a Pilot vessel; and the said Pilot vessels shall only take in Pilots within the limits of their respective cruising grounds. 10

Proviso, for
increase of
number of
Schooners, &c.

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ORGANIZATION OF PILOTS.

Meeting for
Election of
Board of Di-
rectors, by the
Pilots them-
selves.

IV. A public meeting of the Pilots for and below the Port of Quebec, shall be called by public notice, given at least one month before the same, in at least two newspapers published in the City and district of Quebec, and by notices posted up in the Trinity House of Quebec and at the Custom Houses of Green Island and Rimouski, which meeting shall be held at Quebec, in the course of the month of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, for the purpose of electing six Pilots, who shall form "The Board of Directors of Pilots." 20

Who shall call
the meeting.

V. The said meeting shall be called by the First Superintendent of Pilots for the time being, or in his absence, by the Second Superintendent of Pilots, who is hereby required to call such meeting of Pilots and preside at the same, as hereinbefore and hereinafter provided. 30

Who may vote
at the meeting.

VI. All Branch Pilots for and below the Port of Quebec, shall be entitled to be present at such meeting, and to register their votes thereat in favor of six Pilots, to be members of the "Board of Directors of Pilots," and in the absence of such Pilots or any other of them, they may authorize any person being a Pilot to vote in their place and stead, under a power of Attorney, under private signature, or executed before two witnesses; The votes shall be taken without any discussion, and the Superintendent of Pilots presiding at the said meeting shall declare duly elected those six Pilots who shall have obtained the majority of votes; And a book of votes shall be kept in which the said votes shall be so registered after the name of each vote and adding thereto the words "personally" or "by his Attorney, A. B.," as the case may be, and any Pilot who shall make use of a counterfeit Power of Attorney shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall incur the penalties imposed for like offences. 35 40 45

Mode of vot-
ing.

Penalty for
voting on
counterfeit
power.

Case of
equality of
votes provided
for.

VII. In case it should happen that several Pilots obtain an equal number of votes, so that more than six Directors would be elected, the election shall be commenced over again for those having an equal number of votes, or for those having the lowest and at the same time an equal number of votes, and be continued until the number of six Directors be completed according to the intent and meaning of this Act. 50