

The Department, after having seriously considered everything, assented to provide the pilotage station at Father Point with a steam tender, this not in the interest of the pilots, but for the greatest advantage of the Shipping, to pay the pension of the pilots on duty at Father Point and in the Saguenay River. This, with the rent of our office at Quebec, was granted as a compensation for the extra 18 miles or the pilotage without any change in the tariff, the Department found that it would not have been just to increase our work and responsibility and give nothing in return.

Before 1905, a pilot was allowed to work as long as he was in good health, and we have often seen men on active list at 78, even 80 years old. With the new Authority, the age limit was fixed at 65 with the privilege to pass two examinations during the season of navigation till 70, then a pilot is obliged to give up his license, as well as a pilot who cannot pass his annual examination for eyesight and hearing. The Department, as before said, granted, without conditions a yearly indemnity of \$300.00.

We have faithfully accomplished what we have promised to do when we have passed under the control of the new pilotage Authority, and the Department has done so, till 1913.

We think that there is a pressure made against the Corporation of Pilots to deprive its members of what the Government has given in return of what we have conceded.

We again differ with the Commissioners when they say (Report page 16) : Since the passing of the Act 1905, making the Minister of Marine and Fisheries the Pilotage authority, the conduct of affairs had been in a very mixed condition, etc.

We have proved before, that, what is said in this paragraph of the report against our Corporation was not at all the fault of our Association, and we think it useless to repeat what we have already said on this subject a few pages before. We only see another endeavour of the Commissioners to find fault somewhere, but unfortunately for them, they should have looked elsewhere.

We are anxious to give our hearty cooperation to the Department of Marine & Fisheries for the management of the pilotage district of Quebec, and we firmly believe that we have done our duty, since we are under the control of the Honourable Minister of Marine & Fisheries. We have complied with all the requirements of the Departement, and in future, we intend to do the same, but we hope to receive in return consideration for what we have done and will do.

To conclude, we humbly request, that our Corporation be maintained, and our Fund left in our hands to be administered according to our interests and according to law.

These are the wishes and desires of all the pilots interested in their welfare.

Humble submitted,

CORPORATION OF PILOTS FOR AND BELOW  
THE HARBOUR OF QUEBEC.

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