

Reinstatement of Pilot

Eugène Ancil, a Branch Pilot who had been deprived of his Branch in 1892 for grounding the S. S. "Comassie" in the North Channell off the Island of Orleans, was replaced on the active list and his Branch restored to him, after passing a second examination as to his qualifications as a pilot, and a careful inquiry had been made into his character and habits during the time he had been dismissed from the pilotage service.

Complaints against the Pilotage Service

During the season, two complaints have been lodged against the pilotage service: the first was by the master of S. S. "Longhirst", complaining that his pilot had let go the anchor over the telegraph cable, damaging it to the extent of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars, and for which damage the vessel was held to be responsible; and the second was from Messrs. Henry Fry & Co., complaining the ship "Lennie Burrill", outward bound from Montreal, had been detained waiting for her pilot.

In the first case, the Commissioners were advised that the matter was outside of their jurisdiction as the Pilotage Authority, and in the case of the detention of ship "Lennie Burrill", it was established, after reference to Pilot Board, that it was not the fault of the pilotage service.

Lights and Signals in the Lower St. Lawrence

Last year, the Commissioners urged certain improvements in the lights and signals of the Lower St. Lawrence, and at the opening of navigation, the matter was again pressed on the attention of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, the following being the correspondence: