

*Whalen.*—By a good school.

*Dimock.*—By schools. A mariners' school should be established at New Richmond, it being the most central part of this county. A general knowledge of navigation would be an effective means of promoting and encouraging shipowning, and the trade of this county.

*Labbé.*—Instruction in navigation ought to be provided under the auspices of the Government, and to be given in a marine school, established at Quebec, that being the largest sea-port in the British Provinces in America, and a seaman possessing both personal experience and theory should be appointed the director of such a school. This increase would be advantageous both to the builder and the future owner of the ships. Our Canadian captains are generally absent, having sailed on long voyages, and we are obliged to entrust our ships to strangers who often lead us into great expenses, while we should be much safer in the hands of a captain whose family is resident here in Canada.

*Grant.*—With reference to instructions to shipmasters, I am strongly of opinion a board of examiners should be constituted to instruct sailors in seamanship and navigation. At present our sailors are compelled to proceed to Great Britain, and remain there some time, at considerable inconvenience and expense, in order to procure certificates and pass an examination. Two boards, would probably be sufficient—one at Halifax and one at Quebec; and as the consent of the Imperial authorities would be necessary to such an arrangement, so that colonial certificates might be recognized in all parts of the world, an understanding could probably be arrived at, by which the Imperial Board of Trade, would name an examiner at each port and the Dominion Government a second. Two examiners would of course be necessary—one for seamanship and one for navigation. I believe a more extended and general knowledge of navigation would be highly beneficial to our seafaring population by qualifying them for the highest positions in our mercantile marine, and affording them additional means of employment. Schools of navigation should also be established to instruct our hardy youth in the principles of navigation. There is no better material in the populations of the world, out of which to make the best of sailors, than is to be found amongst the people residing on the coasts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the river St. Lawrence, and the western lakes, and if these schools were established very many of the youths of the country, now living in idleness and vice in our large seaport towns, would take advantage of them to acquire knowledge of a profession both honourable and useful—full of daring and excitement—and surrounded with attractions not common to the other avocations of life. I earnestly commend this matter to the serious attention of the committee.

*Langlois.*—Instructions should be given to shipmasters, pilots and mariners by naval schools, on board a vessel located in the Port of Quebec, and specially set apart for the purpose. A more general and complete knowledge of navigation would open a new field for the youth of our country, and would be a most powerful means of encouraging ship building and ship owning, and trade generally.

*Tyrrrell.*—Instruction should be afforded to captains, pilots and seamen by means of naval schools, and I think that it would be preferable that those schools should be established on board of a vessel in the Port of Quebec, devoted to this special purpose, and that a Board of Examiners should be appointed to grant certificates to captains and mates. A more general and extensive knowledge of the science of navigation would open to our young men a new career, and be a powerful means of encouraging ship-builders, out-fitters, and trade in general. Pilots especially would derive double advantages from such an institution.

I venture to suggest that the care of the light-houses and floating lights ought to be entrusted to seamen or to persons sufficiently instructed in the science of navigation, as thus they would become a means of preventing a great number of the accidents which are now daily occurring. Moreover this might be made a means of encouraging those who, in advanced life, devote themselves to the study of navigation, that is to say, who having retired from active service might thus find suitable employment.

*Ouellette.*—Instruction should be accorded to captains, pilots and seamen in naval schools; and I am of opinion that such schools ought preferably to be established on board of a ship stationed in the roadstead of Quebec, specially devoted to the purpose. A more general and more extensive acquaintance with the science of navigation would be a means