

*Henderson*.—Such instructions would be of no particular benefit either to masters or pilots of vessels on these waters.

*McGonagle*.—By schools and on board ship.

*Doyle*.—Schools should be established in all mercantile ports. By these and by instructions on board ship.

*Clark & Morgan*.—Nothing like aboard ship.

*Icslic*.—To engage a number of respectable, educated apprentices.

*Jamieson, C. Cole, Cook & Harris*.—By schools and on board ship.

*F. Le Gressly*.—The establishment of schools where young men may learn navigation on this coast, would much benefit us shipmasters who frequent it, since from desertion or illness we often lose men whom we cannot replace here through the ignorance of the art among the inhabitants. Thus we are obliged to engage incompetent persons or go short-handed; in either case the danger and risk of the vessel is increased, and commerce necessarily suffers.

*Delany and others*.—One of the best means of encouraging building would be to establish a school of navigation in each County and another for our Islands.

*J. W. I. Fox*.—Instruction to shipmasters, pilots and mariners should be given by public schools for those requiring it and who could not afford to obtain it elsewhere. These schools of navigation and seamanship should be supported by Government and established at the chief ports of the Dominion, where pupils would be admitted at a moderate charge, or free, as their circumstances required, and where officers and pilots could be examined and obtain certificates. They should be open during the winter season, as at this time many of our ports are closed and seamen have little to do. The instructors should be men of good capacity, and capable of teaching navigation in all its branches, seamanship, sparring and rigging vessels of all classes, and a knowledge of gunnery, the steam engine, and the duties of shipmaster when in course of a voyage, &c., for those advanced pupils who may require such instruction.

For the practical purposes of seamanship, the outline or upper deck frame of a ship could be built upon the ground of the establishment, sparred and rigged, such as existed at Greenwich, England, some years ago; where pupils of the naval school were exercised in sparring and rigging, sending up and down the masts and yards, bending, reefing and furling sails, &c., &c. This could be done at very little expense, and would be of immense value to the student. In fact the building for these public schools could be built and fitted in form of the upper part of a ship, and would serve both purposes.

If our Dominion seamen had a greater knowledge of piloting and navigation, a vast amount of life and property would be saved, and it would encourage many persons to build and own ships. I am confident that though we are such an important maritime country we are far behind other countries in this respect. Neither mariners nor pilots have the necessary qualifications for these important offices, nor am I aware that any establishment now exists in this country where they can be obtained.

*Rivcrin*.—Instruction is required and would be very beneficial.

*Sirois*.—If naval schools were established at the principal centres, they would assuredly be very numerously attended by the young men who would make great sacrifices to obtain the instruction they might afford.

*Eden*.—Schools of navigation are absolutely necessary in this county. They would be among the very best means to encourage shipbuilding; and, as a consequence, would stimulate the young men of the different localities to remain in the Province or Dominion instead of emigrating.

*J. Le Gressly*.—If there were schools where the young men could learn navigation it would not only benefit the country but be of great value to the shipping that frequent this coast. When by death or desertion we have lost men, it is impossible to get any on this coast fit to replace them, and we thus have to sail, either short handed, or with crews who know nothing of their duty. Of course great risk is run by us in consequence.

*Vantier*.—There would undoubtedly be great benefit derived by the young men of this coast if schools where navigation could be learned were opened during the winter. At present there is no chance for their learning it at all. If navigation were known, a large trade would be opened to the many owning vessels who are now only able to coast, and as a natural consequence shipbuilding would increase.