

Reference was made in the report of last year to the advisability of removing the doubt which appeared to exist as to the power of the Pilotage authority to suspend or dismiss pilots for misconduct irrespective of any indictment which might be proved against them by the Law Courts, and provision was accordingly made in the amended Pilotage Act of last Session by which a pilot is rendered liable to suspension or dismissal by the Pilotage Authority of the district for any of the offences mentioned in 71st Section of the General Pilotage Act, upon such evidence as the authority referred to may deem sufficient, and whether he has or has not been convicted of or indicted for the offences charged.

MONTREAL.

The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal are the legally constituted pilotage authority for this port, and possess the powers for this purpose formerly vested in the Montreal Trinity House. The report of the Commissioners for this Pilotage District will be found with the other Reports in Supplement No. 2, but the statement of the Decayed Pilotage Fund will be found in Appendix No. 47 to this Report. From the report it appears that three pilots were licensed to act during the year 1875, and that there were 42 pilots, apprentices, masters, and mates acting under the authority of the Harbour Commissioners. Two pilots were licensed for one year in conformity with the 36th Section of the Pilotage Act, 1873, and there were four on the pension list. The gross earnings of the pilots of this District for the year 1875 amounted to \$33,680. The receipts from poundage on the earnings of pilots and interests on investments amounted to \$3,244, and the sum of \$1,260 was paid as pensions to old and infirm pilots and widows of deceased pilots. There were on the list in all 21 pensioners at the close of the calendar year. It will be seen from the statement of the Decayed Pilot Fund that the Fund now amounts to \$26,578.95, and that of this amount \$20,000 is invested in Montreal Harbour Bonds, \$2,000 in Montreal Water Works Bonds, \$1,620 in Dominion Ships, \$2,958.95, the balance, deposited in Banks. The increase in the securities for the year amounted to the sum of \$1,928. No addition was made to the list of pensioners during the past year, and no reductions occurred by death or otherwise. The usual pension paid amounts to \$60.

ST. JOHN, N.B.

By the returns received from this authority (see Supplement No. 2 to this report) it will be seen that the sum of \$23,813 was received as pilotage dues during the year ended 31st December last. These dues were received from 523 vessels, of which 371 were British, and 152 foreign. There are 33 licensed pilots at this Port and seven apprentices. Mr. J. U. Thomas was appointed Secretary and Treasurer to the Pilotage Authority of this port by Order in Council of the 37th February last in place of Mr. George Stymest, deceased. By the Act 38 Vict. Chap. 28 amending the general Pilotage Act of the Dominion, 36 Vict. Chap. 54, it was provided by section 3, which came into operation on the 8th April last, that in future the Secretary and Treasurer