

proved entitled to them, being recognized under the Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Act 1869. Beyond this the Board are disposed to think it would not be desirable to go.

I am, &c.,  
THOMAS GRAY.

(Signed,)

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*Joint Letter.—Messrs. Laurent Godbout and Edmond Larochelle, Pilots, Quebec, to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.*

*(Translation.)*

QUEBEC, 8th February, 1872.

HONOURABLE SIR,—Confident in your justice and in your great knowledge in Marine business, we take the liberty in submitting to you the following remarks. We are both young pilots for the Harbour of Quebec, and below, married and each at the head of a young family. We have begun to learn navigation since one month at the local board, and we expect to undergo the examination at the end of this month.

We learn that the present law deprives us of the privilege of undergoing an examination as Masters, unless we be provided with Certificates of servitude for two years as Mates.

We have served four years in the Lower St. Lawrence before the Corporation took place, and have been four years at sea in foreign ports. Would it not compensate the office of Mates for two years as required by the law? As a Pilot has the whole responsibility of a ship while under his command, is he not as qualified as a Mate is?

If a young Pilot, married, be bound to leave his family to run at sea for two years more, it will be regarded as an impossibility.

Remembering, Honourable Sir, your kindness towards the Pilots in general, and being assured that you will take the matter into consideration.

We are, &c.,  
LAURENT GODBOUT,  
ED. LAROCHELLE.

(Signed,)  
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