

Pilot Bill

SOME REMARKS

IN RELATION WITH MR. TACHE'S BILL ON

PILOTAGE,

NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THIS measure involves interests of two kinds; the interests of the commerce and navigation, and those of the pilots as a class and as individuals. There is no necessity to insist upon the importance of establishing wise laws to regulate the navigation, but it is perhaps necessary to insist upon the importance of looking into the present state of pilotage for the River St. Lawrence below Quebec, and to urge that any law tending to enlighten, moralize and rise the profession of pilots will be a law calculated to benefit the trade and the navigation of our noble River.

The interest of the trade in relation with pilotage is to get a prompt, effective and regular service, because more regular and better secured will be such a service less there will be accidents in our waters. And it must be remarked that in account of want about one thing or another the navigation of the St. Lawrence is now heavily taxed with an extraordinary rate of marine Insurance. If the authors of this present memorial proves that in consequence of no regulations for the pilotage, vessels are every year run ashore for the want of Pilots on board when the services of such men are required, we shall have proved that this want of regulation is at least one of the causes of the high rate of insurance: and if this memorial prove at the same time that the number of Pilots is sufficient and that in

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