

was \$11,925 17, and the amount voted by Parliament for this service, including \$100 for maintenance of a temporary light at the entrance of the Saguenay River, was \$12,488, leaving an unexpended balance of \$493 21. This Department was informed last spring that the wreck of the *Glanmore*, which was a serious obstruction to the navigation near the quarantine station at Grosse Isle, had been removed, and the balance of the amount of the contract of \$2,000 has been paid to the contractors, Messrs. Rousseau and Patterson.

The number of pilots on the active list, under the supervision of the Trinity House, Quebec, on the 30th June last, was 238, including one temporarily suspended, five not piloting on account of sickness, and three in charge of lighthouses, and on the 31st December last, the number was reduced to 233, including 13 not performing duty. During the last calendar year 6 pilot apprentices who had passed the required examinations, were admitted as branch pilots for and below the harbour of Quebec, but during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, 16 were admitted. The number of pilots who were retired, struck off the active list, or died during the last calendar year, was 12, exclusive of 5 put on the sick list, 3 suspended, and 1 appointed keeper of Red Island Lightship.

The annual statement required by law to be laid before Parliament relative to the Decayed Pilot Fund, for the year ended 31st December, 1871, will be found in Appendix No. 20 to this report. At that date the state of the fund was as follows:—

Money lent and invested	\$58,414 92
Interest due	811 01
Cash in Treasurer's hands	2,318 69
	\$61,544 62
Deduct arrears of pensions due	309 82
	\$61,234 80

The number of infirm or decayed pilots on the list at the present time, is thirty-nine. The pensions allowed them range from \$40 to \$120 each, and the annual amount of such pensions is \$3,688.

Twelve pilots were relieved out of the fund to the extent of \$659 46. There are ninety-two widows of pilots on the list, receiving from \$40 to \$80 each per annum, amounting in the aggregate to \$6,188. Forty children of pilots receive pensions ranging from \$10 to \$48 each, amounting to the sum of \$862. The total amount of the pensions' list, on the 31st December, 1871, was \$10,738.

The amount actually paid to these persons during the year 1871, was \$11,397 46. The expenses connected with the management of the fund amounted to \$619 36, including the sum of \$440 paid to the treasurer as an allowance for a clerk. The investments amounted to \$2,207 30, and cash in the treasurer's hands, \$2,318 69. The receipts of the fund for last year amounted to \$16,202 88, including poundage received from pilots, \$7,128 06, fines \$62, interest on investments, \$5,873 81, and balance in the treasurer's hands from last year, \$3,139 01.