

Subsection 5.—Government Administrative Services.

The services covered by this subsection are those dealing with the pilotage service, steamship inspection, sea-faring personnel, and accidents to shipping.

Pilotage.—This service functions under the provisions set forth in Part VI of the Canada Shipping Act (c. 44, 1934). The necessity for pilots is that qualified men may offer their services to the stranger in local and confined waters. At the same time, pilotage might also be considered as a method of insurance—the fewer accidents, the cheaper insurance rates will be.

There are 40 pilotage districts in Canada, eight of which, namely, Sydney, Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, St. Lawrence-Kingston-Ottawa, British Columbia, and Churchill, are under the Minister of Transport as Pilotage Authority. The Pilotage District of New Westminster, B.C., is under a local authority. The other districts function under local Pilotage Authorities appointed by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act.

Table 8 shows the number and aggregate tonnage of ships using pilots for the major Canadian ports during the two latest fiscal years. Corresponding statistics are not available for the St. Lawrence-Kingston-Ottawa district.

8.—Details of Pilotage, by Districts, fiscal years 1937 and 1938.

District.	1937.			1938.		
	Pilots.	Ships Piloted In and Out.	Net Tonnage.	Pilots.	Ships Piloted In and Out.	Net Tonnage.
	No.	No.		No.	No.	
Sydney.....	15	2,238	2,566,588	19	2,332	2,758,292
Halifax.....	21	2,185	7,340,044	20	2,190	7,757,549
Saint John.....	12	860	2,626,362	12	958	2,887,054
Quebec.....	58	3,388	13,996,541	60	3,621	13,620,553
Montreal.....	77	5,757	14,553,619	78	5,863	14,645,178
Churchill.....	2	30	91,110	1	7	17,157
British Columbia.....	35	3,953	15,594,831	34	3,514	14,141,137
New Westminster.....	7	502	1,759,798	7	966	3,457,444

Steamship Inspection.—The Steamship Inspection Service provided for under Part VII of the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, consists of a headquarters staff, at Ottawa, and staffs of inspectors at the principal ocean and inland ports. The Act provides for a Board, known as the Board of Steamship Inspection, which decides on questions arising out of the administration of the Act. The Steamship Inspection Service is responsible for the administration and carrying out of the provisions of Part VII of the Act respecting the periodic inspection of power-driven ships and the issue of inspection certificates, the assignment of load lines, the conditions under which dangerous goods may be carried in ships, and the protection against accident of workers employed in loading or unloading ships. The Steamship Inspection Service is also responsible for the administration and carrying out of the provisions of Part II of the Act relating to the certification and employment of marine engineers.