

In speaking of foreign trade, alludes to the trade with other than the United States.

5. Believes the present pilot law embarrasses foreign commerce.

6. All over the world. The trade with China, Shanghai and other foreign ports are greatly dependant upon an efficient corps of pilot to and from our ports.

7. I do, most undoubtedly. The more vessels induced to come to our port, the higher will be the price of produce; and a good pilot system will increase the number of vessels.

8. Because it is a larger consuming and shipping market.

It is our policy to invite shipping; to seek for direct intercourse with the foreign markets—a matter for which we have been struggling this twenty years.

9. In the foreign trade.

10. Shipped 29,278 barrels of flour last year direct to foreign ports, on own account.

11. Not posted.

12. Should think the average above 160 tons.

13. Do not.

14. Owns three vessels, in foreign trade. The Union, of 1,012 tons; the Stephen Lurman, 452 tons; and the Inca, 376 tons.

Pays taxes on each to the State of Maryland.

15. I do, indeed.

16. The rates of insurance have not increased; but they inevitably must under the present pilot laws.

17. They hardly form an item in the matter, should think; but the tendancy of the existing pilot laws, from not affording protection to vessels, will be to lesson the number vessels coming to out port, and thereby to increase freights. A well regulated pilot system invites vessels into port.

18. No, I do not.

19. I think not.

20. They do.

21. Not able to say.

22. Should think they had decreased; but there has not been time enough since the change in the pilot laws to produce such a result.

Thinks foreign vessels will fight shy in chartering to freight guano, and other articles, likely to become important matters of trade, if informed of a lack of efficient pilots or steam-tugs, to aid in bringing them safe into port.

23. Have not paid particular attention; but general impression is, that there has always been an unfavorable discrimination in favor of New York.

24. No particular attention.

25. They fluctuate. The greater the number of vessels