

The cargo book, at the close of the navigation, should be delivered to the Collector of the port where such book was registered, and at which the coasting license was issued; but as a regular thing the licenses should be issued at the port where the vessel is owned, or the port nearest to the place to which she belongs. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
The Collector of Customs.

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

**Circular No. 55**—Calls attention to the following Order in Council: "That it should be clearly understood that in future all the Departments of the local service, including the outlying services, should procure all the stationery they may require from the stationery office."

Also to the fact, that the receipt given by the Bank of Montreal headed "For Department," means, in the case of Customs officers, the Customs Department, to which it should be sent.

**Circular No. 56**—Informs the officers of the means to be adopted in paying pay lists. It also instructs them to embody postages on official correspondence and other authorized contingencies, in a quarterly account, to be sent, with vouchers, to the Department.

**Circular No. 57**—CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, 23rd Sept, 1869.—SIR: The Court of Appeals in the Province of Quebec having adjudged that the 31 Vic., Cap. 64, "An Act respecting the treatment and relief of sick and distressed mariners," does not apply to vessels trading from one Port to another within the limits of the same Province; and it appearing also to be the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown that the 31 Vic., Cap. 62, "An Act respecting the Harbor Police," is equally inapplicable to vessels whose traffic is confined to ports and places within the limits of any one Province, I am desired by the Hon. the Minister of Customs to inform you that it has been considered advisable to treat all vessels, trading exclusively within the Dominion, alike, and to relieve them from the Harbor Police and Hospital dues referred to, until some special statutory provision be made on the subject.

You will, therefore, govern yourself accordingly. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

**Circular No. 58**—CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, 24th Sept. 1869.—SIR: It having been considered advisable that all public officers in Canada, who by reason of their office or employment, have or ought to have given security, with surety or sureties under the provisions of the law in force at the time of their respective appointments, should enter into and execute new bonds, as such public officers, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act respecting the security to be given by officers in Canada;" I am desired to transmit to you the accompanying blank bond, to be duly and carefully executed by yourself and sureties with as little delay as possible, and transmitted to this Department for approval and registration.

I enclose other blank forms, as per margin, to be executed in like manner, by the respective officers of your port and transmitted together with your own bond. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
The Collector of Customs.

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

## RAILWAYS.

We present the following table in continuation of those given in our last *Year Books*, to which we refer for articles on the general subject.

### RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Six months, from July to December, 1868.

	July.	August.	Sept.	October.	Nov.	Dec.	Tl. ½ year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Great Western Railway.....	283,981	260,017	355,810	*442,484	295,891	297,306	1,935,489
Grand Trunk Railway.....	472,741	*627,713	624,108	*826,553	614,456	557,926	3,703,497
London and Port Stanley R'y	4,794	3,360	4,405	4,995	3,422	2,267	23,243
Welland Railway.....	5,001	7,608	13,101	11,386	9,528	3,137	49,761
Northern Railway.....	51,249	49,296	49,019	68,975	37,487	33,532	289,558
Port Hope, Lind. & Beaverton R'y, and Peterboro Branch.	31,920	28,235	30,119	27,627	13,835	6,631	138,367
Cob. P'boro & Marmora R'y.	1,903	2,506	2,551	2,104	885	closed.	9,949
Brockville and Ottawa R'y..	17,722	14,116	17,086	21,862	17,872	12,801	101,459
St. Lawrence & Ottawa R'y.	8,059	9,349	8,733	*12,235	8,652	10,930	57,958
Carillon and Grenville R'y..	2,290	2,125	1,718	closed.	closed.	closed.	6,133
Stanstead, Sheff. & Cham. Ry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boston & Vt. Junction R'y..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Lawrence & Industrie R'y	1,476	1,203	961	*1,429	*1,403	closed.	6,472
New Bruns. & Canada R'y.	9,574	10,838	8,541	13,038	9,358	6,281	57,630
European & N. Amer. R'y.	17,727	16,461	16,167	20,480	17,323	14,700	102,858
Eastern Extension Railway..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	533	533
Nova Scotia Railway.....	27,494	26,910	29,513	33,955	27,298	24,117	168,387
	935,931	1,059,737	1,161,832	1,486,223	1,057,410	950,161	6,651,294

\* Five weeks.