

Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, for the support of sick and distressed mariners. This duty is not levied at any of the ports of Ontario, but Parliament voted an appropriation of \$500 in aid of sick mariners and seamen in St. Catherines Hospital.

The Local Government of Quebec contributes \$4,000 towards the support of the Marine and Emigrant Hospital in the city of Quebec.

The amount of receipts and expenditure on account of shipwrecked and distressed seamen-service, in these three Provinces, during the last two years, was as follows:—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
For the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1869...	\$31,353 78	\$26,987 04
Do do do, 1870..	31,410 46	27,029 34
	<u>\$62,764 24</u>	<u>\$54,016 38</u>
Deduct expenditure from receipts	\$54,016 38	

Balance to the credit of the fund in the hands of Government..... \$8,747 86

The amount voted by Parliament was \$17,000, the amount expended \$14,950 10.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

A fee of \$5 is charged by the Government by law on all steam vessels of one hundred tons and under; and a fee of \$8 on all vessels over that size; together with a tax on all steamers, in addition, of ten cents per ton, to defray the expenses connected with steamboat inspection, which is carefully and effectually performed throughout the Dominion. A small fee is also charged for engineers' certificates.

The receipts and expenditures on account of this service, were as follows:—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
For the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1869...	\$11,914 63	\$7,999 00
Do do do, 1870..	12,521 29	7,399 18
	<u>\$24,435 92</u>	<u>\$15,398 18</u>
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	<u>\$9,037 74</u>	

501 certificates were given to engineers during the last calendar year, and 402 annual renewals.

One fine of \$200 was inflicted during the year for violation of provisions of the law; but there were no accidents whatever in any part of the Dominion from steamboat boilers or machinery.

SHIPPING MASTERS AND SHIPPING OF SEAMEN.

At all the sea ports in the Dominion, except Quebec, and St. John, N. B., the chief officers of the Customs act as Shipping Masters. At Quebec, Mr. R. H. Russell, chief constable of the River Police force, is Shipping Master. At St. John, N. B., the Shipping Master is paid by fees.

WRECKS AND REWARDS FOR SAVING LIFE.

During the calendar year, 1870, the sea-going casualties amounted to 231, so far as ascertained; and the amount of loss is estimated at over \$550,000.

The number of casualties to Lake and In-

land vessels, so far as known, was 104, and the estimated loss at \$851,000. The number of lives lost on our coasts, in connection with Canadian vessels, so far as known, was 210. These figures do not include the loss in connection with the supposed foundering of the "City of Boston," which in lives may be estimated at nearly 200, and in property at \$400,000.

SUBSIDIES TO STEAMERS.

In addition to the amounts allowed by the Post Office for carrying mails, subsidies have been allowed in a few cases where the existing traffic has not been sufficient to keep up steam communication between places where it was desirable that trade should be developed.

Under this system the sum of \$750 is paid by the Dominion to the "Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamship Company," for each round trip from Quebec to Pictou, N. S., and back. Once a fortnight, and sometimes once a week, one of the boats runs up the Bay Chaleur to Dalhousie, touching at intermediate ports, and for this an extra sum of from \$50 to \$100 is paid.

Total amount paid for this service in 1870, was \$23,850. The sum of \$8,850 of this was paid by the Post Office Department for carrying the mails; the remainder (that is \$15,000) was subsidy.

Before Confederation took place, a contract existed under which the Government of Nova Scotia paid the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Co. \$1,600 (N. S. cy.), for running their steamers between Pictou and Charlottetown twice a week, and if required between Charlottetown and Harbour Brule. This contract was assumed by the Dominion; the Prince Edward Island Government also gave a similar subsidy. In 1869 this Company extended the route of their steamers from Pictou to Port Hawkesbury, in the Straits of Canso, for which service Parliament voted \$1,400. The total amount paid this Company during the last fiscal year, was \$2,956, Canada currency. The contract was commenced in 1864, and runs till 1874.

During the last fiscal year, the Dominion paid the Government of New Brunswick \$1,500, to reimburse it for that amount paid to same Company for service between Prince Edwards Island and Shediac, N. B., from July 1st, 1867, to the close of 1868.

Under an agreement which existed previous to Confederation, \$400, N. S. cy., has been paid by the Dominion as a subsidy for keeping up communication by a schooner, between Pictou, N. S., and the Magdalen Islands.

The Dominion Government pays the Montreal Ocean Steamship Co. (Allan line) \$218,000, for carrying the mails between Liverpool and Quebec and Portland. And for the line between Halifax and Cork \$79,083.

COASTING TRADE.

Under the Act which passed last year no foreign vessels will be allowed to carry goods or passengers between any ports or places in the Dominion, unless permitted by Order in Council. The Cabinet has power under the Act to open the Coasting trade to the shipping of any foreign country in which British ships or vessels are admitted to the Coasting trade of such country.