

Masters
and mates
examina-
tion.

431. Since the 16th September, 1871, when the Act came into operation, 1,622 candidates have passed and obtained masters' certificates, and 1,066 certificates as mates; of certificates of service, 942 have been issued for masters and 375 for mates. The receipts from fees amounted to \$999, and the expenditure to \$5,060. Since 1871 the expenditure has exceeded the receipts by \$35,515.

Inland
and coast-
ing certi-
ficates.

432. During the calendar year 99 candidates for inland and coasting certificates passed and obtained masters' certificates of service, and 26 mates' certificates of service, while 68 obtained masters' and 35 obtained mates' certificates of competency.

Wrecks
and
casualties
1888.

433. The total number of wrecks and casualties to sea-going vessels of all nations that occurred in Canadian waters and to Canadian sea-going vessels in other waters during the eleven months ended 30th November, 1888, as reported to the Department, was 175; the tonnage involved was 60,157, and the amount of loss, so far as ascertained, \$620,314. The number of lives lost was 45. The disasters to all vessels in Canadian inland waters and to Canadian vessels on American inland waters were 17, involving 3,906 tons, and causing loss to the extent of \$78,575, but no lives were lost. It is not possible to make any just comparison of the returns for 1888 with those of previous years, as the Department does not receive particulars of all disasters in time to include them in its annual report, which will explain the difference in the figures for 1887 in the following table as compared with the figures given for the same year in last year's Statistical Abstract. Returns for eleven months only in 1888 have, so far, been made.

Number
of wrecks,
&c., 1870-
1888,

434. The following is a comparative statement of loss for each year since 1870, all casualties, whether at sea or on inland waters, being included in the table :—