

grant of \$500 is made to each of the General Hospitals at Kingston and St. Catharines for the care of seamen. At Montreal sick seamen are cared for at the General and Notre Dame Hospitals, at Quebec at the Marine and Immigrant Hospital, and Marine Hospitals are established at St. John, St. Andrews, Miramichi, Richibucto, Bathurst and Sackville, in New Brunswick, and at Yarmouth, Pictou, Sydney, Lunenburg and Point Tupper, in Nova Scotia. Seamen are also cared for at the Provincial and City Hospital, Halifax, and the Charlottetown Hospital, Prince Edward Island. The total amount received from dues in 1889 was \$39,306, being a decrease of \$2,363 as compared with 1888. The total expenditure was \$51,332, being \$12,026 in excess of receipts. A considerable number, however, of immigrants and residents were cared for at the Marine Hospital, Quebec, and if the amount expended for them be deducted the excess would only be \$2,014. The total excess of expenditure over receipts during the past twenty-one years has been \$11,498.

Immigrants and residents no longer admitted to Marine Hospital.

481. The legislative grant in aid of the Marine Hospital, Quebec, having been considerably reduced in amount, and complaints having been made that the dues pressed hard upon the shipping, it was decided to admit no residents or immigrants into the hospital, which is now kept exclusively for seamen. The number of seamen admitted in 1889 was 211.

Number of steamers.

482. The total number of steamboats in the Dominion was 1,085, with a gross tonnage of 196,808 tons; 71 were added to the number during the past year, with a gross tonnage of 20,912 tons. The expenditure on account of the Steamboat Inspection Fund during the last 20 years has exceeded the receipts by \$23,095. During the year 1889 the receipts amounted to \$12,576, and the expenditure to \$22,313, being an excess of expenditure of \$9,737.

Steamboat Inspection Fund.