

tonnage of 912,539 tons. Of this number 1,538 were steamboats with a gross tonnage of 241,172 tons, being an increase of 30,265 tons, and of 414 in number, as compared with 1892 ; 362 vessels were added to the number during the past year, with a gross tonnage of 28,440 tons. The expenditure on account of the steamboat inspection fund during the last twenty-four years has exceeded the receipts by \$25,598. During the year 1893 the receipts amounted to \$25,295, and the expenditure to \$24,387, being an excess of receipts of \$908.

1048. Since the 16th September, 1871, when the Act came into operation, 1,848 candidates have passed and obtained masters' certificates, and 1,271 certificates as mates. The receipts from fees amounted to \$2,484, and the expenditure to \$4,117. Since 1871 the expenditure has exceeded the receipts by \$45,143.

1049. During the twelve months ended 30th June, 1893, 62 candidates for inland and coasting certificates passed and obtained masters' certificates of service, and 21 mates' certificates of service, while 140 obtained masters' and 75 obtained mates' certificates of competency.

1050. 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 twelve months ended 31st December, 1893, as reported to the department was 190 ; the tonnage involved was 59,421, and the amount of loss, so far as ascertained, \$807,113. The number of lives lost was forty-nine. No particulars are available of disasters to vessels in Canadian inland waters and to Canadian vessels on American inland waters. Owing to the manner in which the returns are made, it is not possible to make any just comparison of the returns for recent years with those of previous ones.

1051. 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 :—