

and assistants in 1876, showing an increase of 216 over 1875. \$3,038 was received as fees, an increase of \$535 over the preceding year. The number of steamers inspected was 689, having a gross tonnage of 111,953 tons and 67,996 tons register. Of these, 293 were in Ontario, 265 in Quebec, 108 in the Maritime Provinces, and 23 in B. Columbia; 291 were paddle-wheel and 397 screw; 262 were passenger; 96 freight, and 331 tug steamers. Fifty-one new steamers, with 2,244 tons register, were added to the list of steamers, and 27 steamers, with a registered tonnage of 3,169 tons, were lost or broken up, showing a loss of 925 tons register. The amount received for tonnage dues and inspection fees was \$11,314.24, and for certificates \$2,497, a decrease of \$1,200 over 1875—a decrease due to a reduction in the rate of duty charged. The expenditure amounted to \$13,081.86, leaving a balance of \$729.38 to the credit of the Steamboat Inspection Fund. The excess of receipts over expenditure during the past seven years amounts to \$23,441.79.

CERTIFICATES TO MASTERS AND MATES.

The Board of Examiners of Masters and Mates held, during the year, 16 meetings at Halifax, 15 at St. John, and 4 at Charlottetown, P. E. I. No candidates applied for examination at Quebec. The number of each who passed was:

	Masters.	Mates.
Halifax.....	34	24
St. John	53	26
Charlottetown	5	—
	92	51

Fifty-five failed in passing as masters, and 23 as mates.

Since 1871, when the Act went in operation, 746 masters have obtained certificates at \$10 each, and 200 mates at \$5 00 each. Forty-three certificates of service for master and 16 for mate were granted during the year. Since 1871, 791 certificates for masters, have been issued, and 271 for mates at the rates of \$5 and \$3 each.

The total amount of fees received for this service during the fiscal year was \$2,022, and the amount expended \$4,672.

WRECKS AND CASUALTIES.

The casualties to vessels in Canadian waters and to Canadian vessels in other than Canadian waters, during 1876, were 327, representing a tonnage of 116,779 tons register, and the loss as far as could be ascertained \$1,885,996. One hundred and forty-four lives were reported lost in Canadian waters, and 120 in foreign waters. Eleven disasters occurred on the inland waters of Canada, and 13 lives lost. The amount of damage was estimated at \$69,888. There was a much larger number of casualties and more lives lost in 1876 than in the preceding year.

SHIPPING MASTERS AND SHIPPING SEAMEN.

The number of seamen shipped and discharged at the principal ports of the Dominion during 1876 was:

	Shipped.	Discharged.	Receipts.
St. John.....	4,170	1,377	2,598 10
Halifax.....	2,547	1,807	1,815 60
Montreal.....	614	368	417 40
Quebec.....	1,728	691	1,119 29
Liverpool, N.S.	514	333	356 90
Pictou, N.S.	523	296	350 30
Charlottetown, P. E. I.	787	354	580 00
Yarmouth, N.S.	712	503	506 90
Totals.....	9,595	5,729	\$7,744 44

The total expenditure was \$4,931.28.

PILOTAGE.

The pilotage receipts at Quebec for 1876 were:

Foreign vessels ...	281	\$30,475 59
British do.	835	117,748 63

Totals..... 1,116 \$148,224 22

The dividend of each pilot was \$652, and the expenditure of the corporation other than dividends, \$25,339. The number of pilots on the active list was 189, and of apprentices 49. The Decayed Pilot Fund amounted to \$61,303.71. The receipts during the year were \$21,479.76, and the expenditure \$21,308.46. The number of decayed pilots on the list is 55; widows, 68, and children 18, receiving pensions ranging from \$20 to \$160.

At Montreal there were 44 pilots and 20 apprentices. Their gross earnings amounted to \$34,748 60. The amount of the Decayed Pilot Fund is steadily increasing, it now amounting to \$23,716 86. There are 21 pensioners on the list usually of \$60 a year. At St. John there were 40 pilots and 7 apprentices. \$20,112.68 were received from 546 vessels, 364 British and 182 foreign. At Halifax, the total receipts were \$13,909 from 733 vessels—659 British and 74 foreign. The number of pilots was 19. At Pictou there were 6 pilots. The amount of dues received was \$16,059.23 from 573 vessels. In Charlotte Co., N. B., were 4 pilots. The dues received were \$523.75. In the district of Sydney, C. B., were 51 pilots. The number of vessels paying dues was 793, and the receipts \$12,148.53. At Bras D'Or Lake were 8 pilots and at Richibucto 13. The receipts were not reported. The total number of pilots was 407, and of apprentices 76. The receipts were \$234,641 from the ports that gave in their returns.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS AND HARBOUR MASTERS.

Reports were received from Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Pictou. At Toronto navigation in 1876 opened on the 11th April and closed on the 19th of December. The number of vessels, receipts and expenditure were as follows:

Vessels.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
Toronto... 2,278	\$ 13,297 1	\$ 5,769 99
Montreal... 6,985	861,324 72	674,846 54
Quebec... Not given	83,126 11	34,869 02
Pictou 1,254	5,055 90	2,125 33