

fees amounted to \$2,586, and the expenditure to \$4,255. Since 1871 the expenditure has exceeded the receipts by \$44,295.

Inland and coasting certificates.

531. During the calendar year, 63 candidates for inland and coasting certificates passed and obtained masters' certificates of service, and 9 mates' certificates of service, while 120 obtained masters' and 63 obtained mates' certificates of competency.

Wrecks and casualties, 1891.

532. 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 12 months ended 30th November, 1891, as reported to the department, was 260; the tonnage involved was 72,360, and the amount of loss, so far as ascertained, \$694,653. The number of lives lost is not yet known. The disasters to all vessels in Canadian inland waters and to Canadian vessels on American inland waters were 14, involving 11,414 tons, and causing loss to the extent of \$44,169. There were no lives reported as lost. It is not possible to make any just comparison of the returns for 1890 with those of previous years, as the department does not receive particulars of all disasters in time to include them in its annual report.

Number of wrecks etc. 1870-1891.

533. 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:—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES,
1870 TO 1891.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Casualties.	Tonnage.	Lives Lost.	Damage.
				\$
1870	335	82,808	210	901,000
1871	274	81,035	81	2,100,000
1872	290	99,109	237	2,507,338
1873	350	99,523	*813	2,844,133
1874	308	106,682	109	2,029,965
1875	286	99,427	78	2,468,521
1876	452	153,368	404	2,942,955
1877	468	177,896	153	3,952,582
1878	414	161,760	187	3,445,875
1879	533	198,364	339	4,119,233
1880	445	179,993	217	3,820,652
1881	440	210,719	399	4,992,423
1882	451	193,655	271	3,138,423
1883	366	158,826	259	2,029,752
1884	324	119,741	253	2,965,321
1885	346	144,726	198	2,753,667
1886	377	150,277	54	1,950,799
1887	335	149,395	91	1,662,688
1888	319	105,060	52	1,126,124
1889—11 months ended 30th Nov.	268	110,716	163	1,554,319
1890—11 do 31st Oct.	242	78,343	64	1,194,516
1891—12 do 30th Nov.	260	72,360	...	694,653
Total	7,883	2,933,783	4,632	55,194,939

* 545 persons were lost by the wreck of the White Star SS. "Atlantic."