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The expenditure at Montreal during the last fiscal year was \$8,030, including the pay of the Chief Constable at \$2 50 per diem, or \$912 50 for the year, and the official clothing of the force. The expenditure for the previous year was \$9,423 21, shewing a decrease on last year as compared with the previous year. It was found, however, that the amount voted for this service at Montreal for the last fiscal year, viz. : \$8,030 was insufficient, and several accounts had to lay over till the following fiscal year for payment for the want of funds. The total expenditure for this service at both ports during last fiscal year was \$17,400 73, against \$18,461 83 for the previous year, shewing a slight reduction on last year as compared with the previous year.

The amount voted by Parliament for this service at both ports for the last fiscal year was \$17,486, leaving an unexpended balance of \$85 27, which reverted to the Public Treasury.

In the detailed estimates for the last fiscal year, which were furnished by this Department to be laid before Parliament, the receipts from this source were estimated at \$22,000, while the actual receipts amounted to \$21,235 06. The receipts and expenditure on account of this service for the three last fiscal years were as follows :—

	Receipts.		Expenditure.
Fiscal year ended 30th June, 1869 ...	\$21,952 83	...	\$22,358 91
" " 1870 ...	23,996 68	...	18,461 83
" " 1871 ...	21,235 06	...	17,400 73
	<u>\$67,184 57</u>	...	<u>\$58,221 47</u>
Excess of receipts over expenditure during the three last fiscal years... ..			8,963 10

SICK AND DISTRESSED MARINERS.

In a country like Canada, possessing probably the largest mercantile marine in the world in proportion to her population, and with such a large amount of agricultural produce, as well as the productions of the forest, the fisheries and the mines, to be transported to other countries beyond the seas, looking for available markets, requiring as it does a large fleet of vessels annually, both Canadian and foreign, to perform this service, it was found necessary and desirable that some provision should be made for the care of such of the crews of this large fleet of ships which annually visit our shores as might become sick, either while attached to their vessels while in our ports, or who might have become sick while on their way here. It was also found very necessary that some provision should be made for the case of distressed or shipwrecked mariners, who might either be cast on our shores, or who might be taken off Canadian vessels at sea. The care of such persons frequently involves considerable expense, as they must not only be fed and clothed in cases where they have lost their clothing, but they must be sent to their homes if employment cannot be found on the spot for them. Under the