

and others, and assigned to them regular beats extending along the margin of the Lakes and Rivers to Quebec, whose duties are to render prompt advice and assistance whenever disasters occur,—to carefully survey and register all vessels used in the navigation, and cause them to be duly registered; and also, during the season to visit and inspect, as far as practicable, all vessels mooring within their respective beats. And in order to offer all possible encouragement to deserving and meritorious officers, their names will be duly recorded.

When these plans are fully matured, cargoes shipped on board first-class vessels with officers whose names are on the preferred list, will be insured at moderate rates of premium; and the seaworthiness of the vessel, the competency of the officers, and the warranty that ordinary care and skill will be observed in the management of the voyage,—risks hitherto borne by the merchant,—may then be assumed by this Company, and the conditions erased from the policy.

The following Tariff under the new classification has been compiled for the present season, and it is hoped will be found acceptable to the Commercial Community.

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