

own national vessels, the ships of Italy, by Order in Council of the 13th August, 1873; those of Germany, by Order in Council of the 14th May, 1874; those of the Netherlands, by Order in Council of the 9th September, 1874; those of Sweden and Norway, by Order in Council of the 5th November, 1874; those of Austro-Hungary, by Order in Council of the 1st June, 1876, and those of Denmark, by Order in Council of the 25th January, 1877, were admitted to the coasting trade of Canada.

By the provisions of the Act 38 Vic., chap. 27, amending the Act 33 Vic., chap. 14, respecting the coasting trade of Canada, masters of steam vessels not being British ships are precluded, except in case of distress, from towing ships, vessels or rafts from one port or place in Canada to another. A circular was also issued by the Department of Customs, under date 8th March, 1878, to Collectors of Customs, calling their attention to the bearing of the Customs law, upon the treatment of wrecked vessels or property in Canadian waters, and informing them that no foreign vessels should be permitted to interfere with wrecked vessels or material in Canadian waters. An Act however was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and approved by the President on the 19th June last, by which Canadian vessels of all descriptions may render assistance to Canadian or other vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters of the United States contiguous to the Dominion of Canada; but it is provided that this Act shall not take effect until a proclamation by the President declaring that the privilege of aiding American or other vessels wrecked or disabled in Canadian waters contiguous to the United States has been extended by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and declaring this Act to be in force. The question of giving the reciprocal privilege referred to to American vessels in Canadian waters is at present under consideration of the Canadian Government.

REWARDS FOR SAVING LIFE.

In Supplement No. 2 will be found a list of persons to whom rewards or testimonials have been granted by the Government of Canada for humane exertions in saving life from Canadian vessels, and for generous services in caring for shipwrecked crews, and also of rewards given for saving life on the shores of Canada.

ESTABLISHMENT STAFF AT OTTAWA.

In Appendix No. 45 a statement is given showing the names of the members on the Establishment Staff of the Department at Ottawa, the rank held by each, and the amount of salary they severally received during the fiscal year ended 20th June, 1878.