
SHIPPING MASTERS AND SHIPPING OF SEAMEN.

In the Supplement to this report will be found a statement showing the returns received from the Shipping Masters appointed under the Act relating to the shipping of seamen, for the half years ended 30th June and 31st December last, and of the fees received under the Act.

The following is a summary of the reports received from the Shipping Masters at some of the principal ports of the Dominion :—

The Shipping Master at St. John shipped during the year 3,910 seamen and discharged 2,700, and received as fees the sum of \$2,765, out of which he paid to deputy and for incidental expenses the sum of \$1,080.11, leaving the net income of this office \$1,684.89.

The Shipping Master at Halifax shipped during the year 2,651 seamen, and discharged 1,933, for which he received \$1,905.40, out of which, after deducting expenses, he had as remuneration for his services \$928.40.

The Shipping Master at Montreal shipped during the year 897 seamen and discharged 1,756, and received as remuneration, after payment of expenses, the sum of \$780.30.

At the Port of Quebec the total number of seamen shipped during the season was 798, of which number 184 belonged to British vessels, 473 to Dominion and 141 to foreign vessels; 279 were discharged, of which 74 belonged to British and 205 to Dominion vessels. The total receipts during the calendar year amounted to \$580.80, and after deducting the amount of incidental expenses, \$560.80 reverted to the Treasury.

At Yarmouth 671 seamen were shipped, 569 discharged, and fees to the amount of \$506.20 collected.

At Lunenburg 760 seamen were shipped, 815 discharged, and fees to the amount of \$624.50 collected.

At North Sydney 238 seamen were shipped and 135 discharged, and fees to the amount of \$506.20 collected.

PILOTAGE AUTHORITIES.

The report of the Harbour Commissioners of the Port of Quebec, who are by by-law, the Pilotage Authority for the District of Quebec, will be found in the Supplement to this report. The annual statement of the Decayed Pilot Fund, which is