

of Canadian certificates of service in the United Kingdom, the Department published and distributed the following circular:—

*Canadian Certificates.*

DOMINION OF CANADA,  
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE,  
OTTAWA, June 7th, 1879.

The attention of this Department has been drawn by the Imperial Board of Trade to a misunderstanding which appears to exist on the part of some Canadian officers serving on board Canadian vessels trading to the United Kingdom, as to the validity of Canadian certificates of service while in the United Kingdom. In consequence, when Canadian vessels are refused clearance at ports in the United Kingdom on account of their officers not being possessed of certificates of competency which are valid in Great Britain, but only of Canadian certificates of service, which are not valid there, much surprise is expressed, and, in some instances, the spirit of the 136th section of the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act of 1854 has been evaded by the temporary engagements of men possessing the necessary certificates of competency for the purpose of clearing the vessels.

It has therefore been deemed advisable by this Department to make it more generally known in Canada that Canadian certificates of *service* possess no validity in the United Kingdom, and will not enable the possessors of them to use them in clearing their vessels in lieu of the Certificates of Competency required by law.

WM. SMITH,  
*Deputy Minister of Marine, &c.*

Examinations are now held at St. John on the second Thursday in each month, at Halifax on the third Tuesday in each month, at Quebec once in two months, if necessary; at Charlottetown, the second Monday in the 1st month of each quarter; and at Yarmouth, every six weeks or two months, as may be required.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure on account of this service since the Act came into operation, viz:—

	Expenditure.	Receipts.
For fiscal year ended 30th June, 1871 .....	\$1,410 45	.....
“ “ 1872 .....	4,312 07	1,344 00
“ “ 1873 .....	6,466 18	4,963 00
“ “ 1874 .....	4,520 19	2,995 00
“ “ 1875 .....	5,696 62	2,715 00
“ “ 1876 .....	4,672 08	2,021 87
“ “ 1877 .....	4,050 00	1,740 50
“ “ 1878 .....	4,249 76	1,296 50
“ “ 1879..	\$4,291 79	.....
Less refund .....	41 67	
	<hr/> 4,250 12	<hr/> 1,334 50
	<hr/> \$39,627 47	<hr/> \$18,410 37
	18,410 37	
Excess of expenditure over receipts.....	\$21,217 10	