

St. Andrews, Miramichi, Richibucto, Bathurst, and Sackville, and returns are received weekly from the physicians in charge of these hospitals as to the number of patients. From these returns it would appear that the average weekly number of patients in these Hospitals is about as follows:—St. John Marine Hospital, ten; Miramichi, five; St. Andrews, two; Richibucto sometimes one or two; Bathurst and Sackville the same.

By reference to Appendix No. 41, it will be seen that the expenditure on account of these hospitals for the past fiscal year was as follows:—St. John, \$1,825.23; Richibucto, \$715.89; Miramichi, \$1,802.27; St. Andrews, \$1,051.84; Bathurst, \$287.19; Sackville, \$461.12; while the expenditure at other ports in the Province where no marine hospitals exist amounted to \$1,401.89.

The collections at the Port of St. John amounted to \$4,259.16, during the past fiscal year.

Reference was made in the report of last year to the fact that appropriations had been made by Parliament for the erection of marine hospitals at Pictou, Yarmouth and Sydney, and that these works would be undertaken by the Department of Public Works. The hospitals in question have not yet been provided, and sick seamen in Nova Scotia have during the past fiscal year been cared for as formerly under arrangements made by Collectors of Customs at the different ports excepting Halifax, where they are admitted into the Provincial and City Hospital, under special arrangements made with the managers. The sum of \$5 is paid weekly for each patient, and the total amount paid the hospital for the last fiscal year was \$3,028.47. The amount of sick mariners' dues collected at Halifax for the same period was \$3,232.76, and the total amount of collections throughout the province for the fiscal year was \$9,876.75, while the amount expended for sick seamen was \$11,019.45, and for shipwrecked and distressed seamen 1,520.16, making the total expenditure \$12,539.61, and showing an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$2,662.86.

In the Province of Prince Edward Island the expenditure on account of sick and disabled seamen amounted to \$1,591.07, while the dues collected amounted only to \$442.90. The Marine Hospital at Charlottetown during the past fiscal year was maintained at a cost of \$1,311.07. The average weekly number of patients at this hospital was between two and three.

The amount expended on British Columbia for the maintenance of sick and disabled seamen during the past year was \$3,881.81, while the collections amounted to \$1,532.52. The largest proportion of the amount expended was incurred in connection with the new marine hospital at Victoria, which is reported by the Medical Superintendent (see page 108 of Appendices) to be in a first rate condition. Twenty-two patients had been admitted into the hospital between the 1st of September, 1874, when it was opened, and 30th June last, all of whom had been discharged cured.