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master, and 3 as mates, while 2 failed as master. At the Port of Yarmouth 12 candidates passed for the grade of master, and 5 as mates, while 6 failed as master and 1 as mate. It will thus be seen that during the past year, out of 112 candidates that presented themselves at the ports named for examination as masters, 79 succeeded in passing and 33 failed, and that out of 73 that applied for examination as mates, 55 passed and 18 failed.

The number of candidates who have passed and obtained masters' certificates since the Act went into operation, viz :—16th September, 1871, to 31st December, 1878, is 947, and the amount paid for these certificates, at the rate of \$10 each, \$9,470.

During the same period 331 candidates received certificates of competency as mates, and the amount paid at the rate of \$5 each, was \$1,655.

In the supplement referred to a list will be found of all who have obtained certificates of competency and service, either as master or mate, during the year ended 31st December, 1878.

During the calendar year eight certificates of service for the grade of master, and nine for that of mate have been granted.

The total number of certificates of service issued since the Act came into operation is 821 for the grade of master, and 288 for that of mate, making a total of 1,109 certificates granted. These certificates, as stated in previous Reports, are granted to masters and mates who are unable or unwilling to undergo examination for certificates of competency, and who have held situations as masters and mates previous to 1st January, 1870, and can produce certificates of experience and general good conduct. The fee charged for certificates of service is at the rate of \$5 for master, and \$3 for mate.

The fees received on account of certificates of competency and service during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$1,296.50, and the amount expended on account of this service, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 17 to the General Report, was \$4,249.76. The amount voted by Parliament for this service was \$4,250, leaving an unexpended balance of 24 cents, which reverted to the Treasury.

A list of certificates cancelled during the last calendar year will also be found in Supplement No. 2 to this Report.

Mr. F. W. Hyndman, who was appointed an Examiner of masters and mates at Charlottetown on the 10th June, 1876, resigned his office on the 17th March, 1877 and his resignation was accepted. The other Examiner, Captain Roderick Cameron still continues to discharge the required duties at that port.