

The expenditure for seamen treated in this hospital for the year ended 30th November, 1878, amounted to \$1,748.70. The amount of sick mariners' dues collected at the Port of Montreal for the fiscal year ended 30th June last was \$2,958.66.

At the Port of Quebec sick seamen are provided for at the Marine and Immigrant Hospital. The sum of \$20,000 was appropriated by Parliament for the maintenance of this hospital, and the amount expended for the last fiscal year was \$20,800, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 18. The usual grant of \$2,666.67 was received from the Government of Quebec, and \$229 from paying patients, rent of beach lots, &c., making the total amount deposited to the credit of the Receiver General \$2,895.67, thus reducing the cost of maintenance to the Government of the Dominion to \$17,904.33. In this sum the cost of maintaining sick immigrants as well as seamen is included, and estimating the cost of immigrants, of whom there were 29 in the hospital, having 727 days treatment, at \$589.16, the cost of sick seamen would amount to \$17,315.17. By reference, however, to the Report of the Resident Physician (see Appendix No. 16) it would appear that during the last fiscal year, out of 839 patients admitted, 374 were seamen, having 5,621 days' treatment; 29 were immigrants, having 727 days' treatment, and 436 residents of Quebec, having 15,745 days' treatment in the hospital. As stated, therefore, in previous Reports, the contribution made towards the maintenance of the institution by the Government of Quebec, viz: \$2,666.67 is altogether inadequate towards the support of residents in the Hospital. A fair proportion of the cost of the Institution for the last fiscal year would be as follows:—for seamen \$5,292.02; for immigrants \$684.45, and for residents \$14,823.53. Taking into consideration the total number of days spent in the hospital by seamen, immigrants and residents of Quebec, viz: 22,093, the cost of maintaining each patient per diem would be about 94 cents. During the past year, however, as will be seen by reference to the Report of the Trustees, Appendix No. 16, a considerable sum has been expended in repairs, which accounts for the increase in the expenditure as compared with the preceding year.

The amount of sick mariners' dues collected at the Port of Quebec during the last fiscal year was \$9,758.60, being \$4,845.80 less than that of the preceding year; and the total amount of dues collected in the Province of Quebec for the same period was \$14,806.80, instead of \$18,901.84 collected in the previous year. The expenditure for sick and distressed seamen at the different ports in the Province for the last fiscal year, estimating the actual charge to the Fund for the Marine Hospital at Quebec at \$17,904.33, as above stated, amounts to \$19,985.37, showing an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$5,178.57.

The expenditure on account of sick and disabled seamen in the Province of New Brunswick amounted during the last fiscal year to \$8,868.23, and for shipwrecked and distressed seamen to \$429.68, making a total expenditure of \$9,297.91, while the receipts for the same period amounted to \$9,061.32, showing an excess of expenditure