

complaints have been made to him in regard to over-crowding on ferry and excursion steamers, and that a necessity exists for providing some security against the dangers occasioned thereby.

He also reports that during the past season no complaints have been made to him by owners or masters of steamboats against inspectors in the discharge of their duties, and but few against engineers.

It will be seen by the following comparative statement of receipts and expenditure on account of Steamboat Inspection Fund for the past nine fiscal years, that during that period the entire receipts, \$122,731.43, have exceeded the expenditure, \$97,300.26, by the sum of \$25,431.17, which remains as a balance to the credit of the fund.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
For fiscal year ended 30th June, 1870.....	\$12,521 29	\$7,399 18
do do 1871.....	10,369 96	8,321 00
do do 1872.....	11,710 43	8,500 00
do do 1873.....	15,412 75	11,205 54
do do 1874.....	15,603 19	10,291 58
do do 1875.....	15,011 90	12,199 81
do do 1876.....	13,811 24	13,081 86
do do 1877.....	15,859 42	13,073 01
do do 1878.....	12,431 25	13,228 28
	\$122,731 43	\$97,300 26
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Excess of receipts over expenditure....	\$25,431 17	

CERTIFICATES TO MASTERS AND MATES.

The Report of the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Masters and Mates for the calendar year ended 31st December, 1878, will be found in Supplement No. 2, to this Report. During the past calendar year, as will be seen by reference to the Report, the Board of Examiners have held meetings for the examination of candidates at the Ports of Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Quebec and Yarmouth, N.S. At the Port of Halifax twelve meetings were held, twelve at St. John, four at Charlottetown, three at Quebec, and six at Yarmouth. At Halifax the number of masters who succeeded in passing and obtaining certificates of competency was 27, and the number of mates 16, while 5 candidates failed as masters, and 3 as mates. At the Port of St. John 27 candidates passed for the grade of master, and 29 as mates, while 19 failed as masters, and 12 as mates. At the Port of Charlottetown 9 candidates passed for the grade of master and 2 as mates, while 3 failed as masters. At the Port of Quebec 4 candidates passed for the grade of