

months, the foreign trade totalled much in excess of 3,000,000 tons, and 5,529 vessels in the coastwise trade arrived and departed from this Port. With this amount of shipping the number of sailors who are here from time to time is a very large one, and at present they have no place where they can get a night's lodging or proper recreation in a building specially adapted for them, and in this respect Victoria is behind every other large British Port. It is proposed to put up a building comprising restaurant, recreation rooms and bedroom accommodation, together with a large room for holding religious meetings, etc., and a suitable building can thus be erected for about \$15,000. This will probably give the accommodation required for a few years, after which time it is expected that a larger permanent building can be erected on the same site, the land being sufficient for the purpose.

A small annual grant towards maintenance has been secured from the Dominion Government and this is likely to be increased in the future.

An appeal is now being made for the balance of the funds required. An annual subscriber is entitled to membership of the Society and to vote at general meetings. Persons subscribing \$50 or upwards are eligible for election as Life Members.

Donations for the Building Fund and annual subscriptions will be thankfully received either by the authorized collector, Mr. Wright Hill, or the Bank of Montreal, or any member of the Committee.