

inspectors at Montreal, Kingston, Sorel, and Quebec receive \$800 each. All of them receive their travelling expenses and subsistence while from home on duty.

The fees received by the Government for the inspection of steamboats and the examination of engineers, are more than sufficient to cover all the expenses incurred by the government in connection with the board of steamboat inspection—the inspection of steamers and the examination of engineers—thereby relieving the general revenue of the Country from any expenditure whatever on account of this service.

The chairman of the board, Mr. Samuel Risley, is inspector of the West Ontario, Lake Huron, and Lake Superior division ; and inspected, during last calendar year ended 31st December, 1871, 119 steamers, against 102 inspected by him in 1870. His duties have so much increased during the last few years, that it will now be necessary to appoint another inspector for that division, so as to render the inspection thoroughly efficient and safe for the public ; and also provide for the performance of the duties of the inspector in that large district while the chairman is absent from Western Ontario on board duties.

Mr. Thomas Taylor is inspector of the East Ontario Division, and inspected during last calendar year sixty-four steamers, against sixty-one the previous year.

Mr. Thomas Fessenden is inspector of the Montreal Division, and inspected eighty-four steamers last year, against eighty-two the previous year.

Mr. F. X. Befort is inspector of the Sorel or Three Rivers District, and inspected forty-one steamers last year, being the same number as he inspected the previous year.

Mr. Joseph Samson is Inspector of the Quebec Division, and inspected 65 steamers last year against 63 the previous year.

Mr. William M. Smith is Inspector of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Division, and inspected 65 steamers last year against 54 the previous year.

The total number of steamers inspected during the calendar year, 1871, was 438, against 403 in 1870, and 401 in 1869, shewing a gradual increase in the number inspected. Of the number inspected in 1871, 157 were passenger steamers, 87 were freight steamers and 194 were tug steamers ; 236 of the number inspected were paddle steamers, 78 propellers, and 124 screw tugs.

The amount of tonnage duties and fees paid in to the Collectors of Customs in Ontario for the inspection of steamboats during last fiscal year was \$3,609 12, while the amount paid to the inspectors for salaries and other expenses in that Province was \$3,465 38. The amount collected in the Province of Quebec for the same period was \$3,929 50, while the amount of expenses paid \$3,164 30, shewing a considerable surplus of receipts over expenditure. The amount collected in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the same period was \$1,757 34, while the expenses were \$1,298 36. The expenses in connection with the Board were \$392 96. The total amount of collections made during last fiscal year on account of steamboat inspection dues was \$9,295 96. The total amount paid into the Receiver-General during the last fiscal year on account of engineers' certificates issued was \$1,074, making altogether the sum of \$10,369 96 collected on account of fees and dues for inspection of steamboats and engineers' certificates. Although the sum \$10,369.96 only was received on account of this service for the last