

By Order in Council of the 13th May, 1880, all the ports in the Province of Prince Edward Island were determined such ports, and Mr. Henry Pope Welsh appointed Port Warden for all these ports. A tariff of fees was established by Order in Council of the 7th July, 1880.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the office since its inauguration :—

Receipts, \$454.60; expenditure, \$166.45; reverting to Port Warden, \$288.15.

#### MERCHANT SHIPPING.

The total number of vessels remaining on the register books of the Dominion on the 31st December, 1880, including old and new vessels, sailing vessels, steamers and barges, was 7,377, measuring 1,311,218 tons register tonnage, being a decrease of 94 vessels and 20,876 tons register as compared with 1879. The number of steamers on the registry books on the same date was 918, with a gross tonnage of 190,159 tons, and a net tonnage of 120,141 tons. Assuming the average value to be \$30 per ton, the value of the registered tonnage of Canada on the 31st December last, would be \$39,336,540 or £7,867,308 sterling.

A statement is appended which has been compiled from the *Repertoire Général* for 1880 and 1881 from which it appears that the tonnage upon the registry books of the British Empire, including Canada and the other colonies, was 8,259,748 tons register. The United States of America comes next with a tonnage of 2,438,912 tons; followed by Norway with a tonnage of 1,420,788. Canada stands next with a tonnage of 1,311,218 tons, followed by Germany with a tonnage of 1,157,178 tons. From this statement it appears that Canada is fourth on the list of the ship-owning countries of the world; but these figures do not include the tonnage of inland sailing vessels or of steamers under 100 tons register, except in the case of Canada. The Canadian figures include registered vessels of every description and registered steamers of every tonnage.

The number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion of Canada during the last year was 271, measuring 65,441 tons register tonnage. Estimating the value of the new tonnage at \$45 per ton, it gives a total value of \$2,944,845 or £588,969 sterling for new vessels.

A statement follows showing the number of vessels and number of tons on the register books at the different ports of registry in the Dominion on the 31st December last, along with a comparative statement of the tonnage from 1873 to 1880. A statement is also published of the number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion during the last year, and a comparative statement of the number of new vessels built and registered from 1874 to 1880, both inclusive.