

SUBSIDIES TO STEAMERS.

\$10,000 was paid to the Quebec and Gulf Ports S. S. Co. for keeping up a line of steamers to the lower ports for passengers and freight. The first boat started from Quebec on May 11th and the last arrived there on 21st Nov.

SHIPPING MASTERS AND SHIPPING OF SEAMEN.

At the four principal ports of the Dominion were shipped in 1875:—

Halifax	2,825 seamen
St. John	4,417 do
(S. M. S.) Quebec	3,511 do
Montreal	686 do

Total 11,439

For which a fee of 50 cents each was paid to the shipping master of the port. There were discharged:—

Halifax	2,049 seamen
St. John	1,574 do
Quebec	1,191 do
Montreal	460 do

Total 5,274

For which a fee of 30 cents each was paid. The fees received at these ports amounted to \$7,442.

PILOTAGE AUTHORITIES—TRINITY HOUSE, QUEBEC.

The powers of this corporation are now transferred to the Harbour Commissioners, Quebec. On the 31st December, 1875, there were on the active list 195 pilots and 54 apprentices. Three were in charge of steamers, 2 of light ships, and 18 were old pilots licensed for a year. The Decayed Pilot Fund had a balance to its credit of over \$60,000, and the number of pilots on the list was 40. The pensions are generally about \$68 a year. Twelve pilots were also temporarily relieved. Ninety-six widows received pensions of from \$40 to \$80, and 26 children from \$10 to \$48. The total receipts amounted to \$25,800, and the expenditure to a trifle more. The total pilotage receipts for the year were \$128,168. The expenditure by the Corporation of Pilots was \$20,016, and the dividend to each pilot \$595.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

The reports of the Harbour Commissioners of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Pictou show a decided falling off in the business of the ports. At Toronto, there were 84 fewer vessels visited the port. At Montreal the decrease was 89 sea-going and 677 inland vessels. The figures for Quebec and Pictou are not given. The total revenue received at the ports during 1875 was:

Toronto	\$ 11,728
Montreal	547,409
Quebec	67,460
Pictou	2,043

Total \$620,240

The expenditure for dredging and other works during the same year was:

Toronto	\$ 25,671
Montreal	730,090
Quebec	64,999
Pictou	2,415

Total \$823,175

The operations in the Montreal Harbour were on a more extensive scale than in any former season, and nearly \$150,000 were expended in deepening the ship channel to Quebec.

Harbour Masters have been appointed to all the more important ports, and certain fees are collected twice a year from all vessels entering such ports.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING

of the Dominion was in a depressed state during the year in common with every other branch of commerce. There was, however, an increase in the tonnage registered, of 47,202 tons. On the 31st December, 1874, there were on the register books 6,930 vessels, measuring 1,158,363 tons. On 31st December, 1875, 6,952 vessels measuring 1,265,565 tons. The total value of the registered tonnage on 31st December, 1875, is estimated at \$36,166,050. Of the vessels registered there belonged to

New Brunswick	1,133
Nova Scotia	2,786
Prince Edward Island	335
Quebec	1,831
Ontario	825
British Columbia	40
Manitoba	2

Total 6,952

The number of new vessels registered in 1875 was 480, measuring 151,012 tons, of which there were from

Prince Edward Island	83
Nova Scotia	177
New Brunswick	65
Quebec	102
Ontario	53
	480

SAVING LIFE, &c.

During the year 1875, 17 testimonials and money rewards were presented by the Government of Canada for humane exertions in saving life from Canadian vessels. For this service and purchasing life boats there was expended during the fiscal year \$3,553. Life canoes and sheds were provided at Crane Island, L'Islet, Murray Bay, Trois Pistoles, Ste. Anne, River Ouelle and Kamouraska in the Lower St. Lawrence, and building and repairs done at Port Hope and Yottawassaga, Ontario.

There were employed in the service of the different branches of the Department of Marine and Fisheries during 1875, besides the staff at Ottawa, 1,511 persons, not including 62 Registrars of Shipping and 60 Measurers and Surveyors of Shipping. Of these, 526 belonged to the Fisheries Branch of the service, the remaining 985 to that of the Marine. The staff of the Department at Ottawa numbers 20 besides the Minister.