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 APPENDIX No. 75.
 

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 REPORT OF THE SHIPPING MASTER FOR THE PORT OF ST. JOHN, N.B.,  
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1876.

SHIPPING OFFICE,

ST. JOHN, N.B., 15th July, 1876.

SIR,—I have the honour to hand you the returns of the Shipping Office at this port for the half year ended 30th June, 1876, showing an increase of 243 men shipped and discharged as compared with the corresponding half year ended 30th June, 1875. This result is owing to the increased number of vessels drawn to this port by the depression of freights abroad. Wages have averaged \$18 by the month, and \$30 by the run.

1,967 men shipped at 50c.....	\$983 50	
523 men discharged at 30c.....	156 90	
		\$1,140 40
Assistant's salary, \$300; incidental expenses, \$196.....	496 00	
Net income of office.....		\$ 644 40

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALLAN McLEAN,

*Shipping Master.*

Hon. A. J. SMITH,  
 Minister of Marine and Fisheries,  
 Ottawa.

SHIPPING OFFICE,

ST. JOHN, N.B., 10th January, 1877.

SIR,—I have the honour to hand you the returns of the Shipping Office at this port for the half year ended 31st December, 1876, showing a decrease of 687 men, shipped and discharged, as compared with the corresponding half year ended 31st December, 1875. In consequence of the large number of seamen here, and the scarcity of vessels, wages have fallen from \$20 by the month, and \$30 by the run, to \$18 by the month, and \$25 by the run, and are still decreasing; and, unless business revives before spring, I anticipate much destitution among the seamen this winter, there being at present only one barque, one barquentine, and two or three brigs in port, which are not provided with crews.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALLAN McLEAN,

*Shipping Master.*

Hon. A. J. SMITH,  
 Minister of Marine and Fisheries,  
 Ottawa.