

Master, and 5 as Mates. It will thus be seen that during the past year, out of 99 candidates that presented themselves at the ports named for examination as Masters, 67 succeeded in passing, and 32 failed, and that out of 103 that applied for examination as Mates, 84 passed, and 24 failed.

The number of candidates who have passed and obtained Masters' certificates of competency since the Act went into operation, viz., 16th September, 1871, to the 31st December, 1879, is 1,046, and the amount paid for these certificates, at the rate of \$10 each, \$10,460.

During the same period 434 candidates received certificates of competency as Mates, and the amount paid, at the rate of \$5 each, was \$2,170.

In the supplement referred to, a list will be found of all who have obtained certificates of competency and service, either as Master or Mate, during the year ended 31st December, 1879. During the calendar year, eight certificates of service for the grade of Master and 4 for that of Mate have been granted.

The total number of certificates of service issued since the Act came into operation is 829 for the grade of Master and 292 for that of Mate, making a total of 1,117 certificates granted. These certificates, as stated in previous Reports, are granted to Masters and Mates who are unable or unwilling to undergo examination for certificates of competency, and who have held situations as Masters and Mates previous to 1st January, 1870, and can produce certificates of experience and general good conduct. The fee charged for certificates of service is at the rate of \$5 for Master, and \$3 for Mate.

The fees received on account of certificates of competency and service during the fiscal year ended 30th June last was \$1,334.50, and the amount expended on account of this service, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. to the General Report, was \$4,291.79, less a refund of \$41.67, making the expenditure to be \$4,250.12. The amount voted by Parliament for this service was \$4,250. Thus it will be seen that the excess of expenditure over the amount voted has been 12 cents.

A list of certificates cancelled during the last calendar year will also be found in Supplement No. 2 to this Report.

On the 16th May last Mr. E. Deville, formerly a Lieutenant in the Navy of France, was appointed an Examiner of Masters and Mates at the Port of Quebec, in the place of Captain A. Marmen, resigned.

The following Act providing for the examination of persons who intend acting on board ships in the capacity of Second Mates was passed during the last Session of Parliament, and examinations were held at St. John and Quebec, and four candidates succeeded in passing at the former place, and one at the latter.

It will be noticed that the Act is not compulsory, and contains no provision to compel a ship owner to have on his vessel a certificated Second Mate.