

gallant and humane services in saving life from British and foreign vessels. From these returns it will be seen that the Government of Canada, during the past year, presented seventeen testimonials and money rewards, accompanied by letters of thanks, and seven letters of thanks without testimonials.

The amount expended for this service and purchase of life-boats, during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, amounted to \$3,552.86, and a detailed statement of this expenditure will be found in Appendix No. 24 to this report. The amount appropriated by Parliament for this service was \$6,000, leaving an unexpended balance of \$2,447.14 which reverted to the treasury. Of the amount expended, 1,586.71 was devoted to providing life-canoes and sheds at the following stations in the Lower St. Lawrence, viz., Crane Island, l'Islet, Murray Bay, Trois Pistoles, St. Anne, River Ouelle and Kamouraska, and to erecting buildings and making repairs at the life-boat stations at Port Hope and Nottawasaga Island, Ontario. The establishment of the life-boats on the Lower St. Lawrence was found advisable in view of the disasters that occurred in the fall of 1871, when several valuable ships were cut and sunk by the ice, as by means of these canoes, which are sheathed with iron, assistance can be rendered where no row-boat can make her way through the ice. These life-canoes are so stationed as to be able to concentrate at any point, and are in charge of competent keepers.

STAFF IN DEPARTMENT AT OTTAWA.

In Appendix No. 15 a statement is given showing the names of the members on the establishment staff of the Department at Ottawa, the rank held by each, and the amount of salary and bonus they severally received during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1875.

On the 10th of May, 1875, Mr. William Patrick Anderson, aged 23 years, who had acted as Assistant for the previous six months to the Constructive Engineer and General Superintendent of Lights, was appointed Assistant to that officer and junior Second-Class Clerk, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum; such appointment to date from 1st of that month.

On the 22nd July, 1875, Mr. John Makinson, aged 38 years, who had served as an Extra Clerk during the previous ten months, was appointed a junior Second-Class clerk, at a salary of \$700 per annum; such appointment to take effect from the 1st of the month last named.

By referring to the addenda accompanying this report, the number of persons employed in the Outside Service of the Department will be seen. As already mentioned, the number last year was 1,511, while for the previous year it was 1,371. In addition to that number, there are 62 Registrars of Shipping who act under the directions and control of this Department, but are also Collectors of Customs at the various ports of registration, and receive no salary or fees in their capacity as Regis-