

The Sick Mariners' Act does not apply to the Province of Ontario, and consequently no dues are collected from vessels in that Province, and no expenditure incurred on account of sick seamen. For a number of years past, however, a grant has been made by Parliament of \$500 to the General Hospital at Kingston, and a similar amount to the General and Marine Hospital at St. Catharines, for the care of such seamen as may be received.

In the Province of Quebec, the expenditure on account of the sick and distressed seamen, including the total expenditure for the Marine and Immigrant Hospital at Quebec, amounted to \$24,067.10, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 18. Of this sum, \$354.62 was expended on account of shipwrecked and distressed seamen, and \$1,756.42 for sick seamen at ports other than those of Montreal and Quebec.

At the Port of Montreal, sick seamen are cared for at the General Hospital and Notre Dame Hospital, under an arrangement made by the Department, by which ninety cents per diem is paid for the board and medical attendance of each seaman. The amount paid the Montreal General Hospital during the past fiscal year was \$1,403.10, and Notre Dame Hospital \$846. The sick mariners dues collected during the same period at the Port of Montreal amounted to \$3,150.80.

At the Port of Quebec, sick seamen are cared for at the Marine and Immigrant Hospital. The sum of \$20,000 was appropriated by Parliament for the maintenance of this hospital, and the expenditure, as shown by appendix No. 17, amounted to \$19,706.96. A grant of \$1,866.67 was received from the Government of Quebec, and the sum \$219 for rent of beach lots, board of patients, &c., making the total amount deposited to credit of the Receiver General \$2,085.56, thus reducing the cost of maintenance to the Government of the Dominion to \$17,621.29. In this sum the cost of maintaining sick immigrants as well as seamen is included, and estimating the cost of immigrants, of whom fifty-four were treated and remained in hospital 967 days at \$1,301.93, the cost of sick seamen would amount to \$16,319.36. By reference, however, to the report of the resident physician, it appears that during the past fiscal year, out of 548 patients admitted, 185 were seamen having 3,249 days' treatment; 54 were immigrants having 967 days' treatment, and 309 were residents of Quebec having 8,872 days' treatment, thus showing, as stated in former reports, that the amount contributed by the Government of Quebec, viz., \$1,866.67 towards the support of residents in the hospital is altogether inadequate. A fair proportion of the cost of this institution for the past fiscal year would be as follows, viz.:—For seamen, \$4,892.10; for immigrants, \$1,456.05; and for residents, \$13,358.81. Taking the total number of days' treatment of patients during the year as 13,088, the cost per diem of maintaining each patient amounts to a little over \$1.50.