

which prevails of assistant-engineers assuming the place and duties of engineers when not qualified to do so by their certificates. One engineer is reported as guilty of drunkenness, and his certificate suspended for a period of twelve months.

It will be seen by the following comparative statement of receipts and expenditure on account of Steamboat Inspection Fund for the past ten fiscal years, that during that period the entire receipts, \$135,062.59, have exceeded the expenditure, \$110,376.72, by the sum of \$24,685.87, which remains as a balance to the credit of the Fund.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
For fiscal year ended 30th June, 1870.....	\$ 12,521 29	\$ 7,399 18
“ “ “ 1871	10,369 96	8,321 00
“ “ “ 1872.....	11,710 43	8,500 00
“ “ “ 1873.....	15,412 75	11,205 54
“ “ “ 1874.....	15,603 19	10,291 58
“ “ “ 1875.....	15,011 90	12,199 61
“ “ “ 1876.....	13,811 24	13,081 86
“ “ “ 1877.....	15,859 42	13,073 01
“ “ “ 1878.....	12,431 25	13,228 28
“ “ “ 1879.....	12,331 16	13,076 46
	\$135,062 59	\$110,376 72
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Excess of receipts over expenditure.....\$ 24,685 87

CERTIFICATES TO MASTERS AND MATES.

The report of the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Masters and Mates for the calendar year ended 31st December, 1879, will be found in Supplement No. 1 to this Report. During the past calendar year, as will be seen by reference to the Report, the Board of Examiners have held meetings for the examination of candidates at the Ports of Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., Charlottetown, P. E. I., Quebec, and Yarmouth, N. S. At the Port of Halifax ten meetings were held, eleven at St. John, four at Charlottetown, three at Quebec, and ten at Yarmouth. At Halifax the number of Masters who succeeded in passing and obtaining certificates of competency was 16, and the number of Mates 23, while 3 candidates failed as Masters, and 5 as Mates. At the Port of St. John 23 candidates passed for the grade of Master, and 15 as Mates, and 4 as Second Mates, while 16 failed as Masters, and 5 as Mates. At the Port of Charlottetown 5 candidates passed for the grade of Master, and 6 as Mates, while 2 failed as Masters, and 7 as Mates. At the Port of Quebec no candidate succeeded in passing for the grade of Master, 6 having passed as Mates, and one as Second Mate, while 2 failed as Master and 2 as Mates. At the Port of Yarmouth 23 candidates passed for the grade of Master, and 24 as Mates, while 9 failed as