The receipts and expenditure on account of this service during the past 18years are as follow, viz.:—

			Receipts.		Expenditure.	
r fiscal year ended	30th June,	1870	\$23,996	68	\$ 18, 4 61	83
do	do	1871	21,235	06	17,400	73
do	do	1872	27,215	80	20,34 8	00
do	do	1873	26,618	50	32,653	87
do	do	1874	28,650	39	38,897	52
do	do	1875	25,6 20	09	37, 89 5	00
do	do	1876	26,4 99	09	41,222	68
do	do	1877	28,598	10	35,006	37
do	do	1778	26,702	4 3	37,560	14
do	do	1879	21,464	97	36,486	50
do	do	1880	21,510	15	35,225	54
do	do	1881	27,375	09	35,451	07
do	do	1882	21,420	33	42,316	56
do	do	1883	28,060	02	38,318	65
do	do	1884	28,497	25	41,980	72
do	do	1885	20,698	79	38,082	92
do	do	1886	24,089	97	43,916	57
do	do	1887	22,934	46	40,349	
			\$748,614	1 30	\$ 792,587	_
Deduct receipts	from expen	diture	*********	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$748,614	30
Excess of exper	nditure over	receipts			\$ 43,97 3	 29

SICK AND DISTRESSED MARINERS.

Under the provisions of Chapter 76, Revised Statutes, a duty of two cents perton register is levied on every vessel arriving in any port in the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, or British Columbia, the money thus collected forming "The Sick Mariners' Fund." Vessels of the burden of 100 tons pay the duty once in each calendar year, and vessels of more than 100 tons three times in each year.

By an amendment to this Act, passed at the last Session of Parliament, 50-51 Vic., chap. 40, it is provided that no vessel which is not registered in Canada, and which is employed exclusively in fishing or on a fishing voyage, shall be subject to the payment of this duty.

The receipts for the fiscal year ended 30th June last amounted to \$42,334.92, being an increase, as compared with the receipts of the preceding year, of \$1,486.87.