

\$26,973.11, of the "Druid," \$17,999.68, the "Newfield," \$28,186.82, the "Glendon," \$13,829.71, the "Sir James Douglas," \$8,460.68, making an entire expenditure, including that of the "Northern Light" above-mentioned, of \$111,783.05.

HARBOUR AND RIVER POLICE.

A River Police Force has been maintained for a number of years past at the Ports of Montreal and Quebec, for the purpose of maintaining order among the shipping during the season of navigation, and restraining crimping. A tax of three cents per ton is imposed under the provisions of the Act 31 Vic., cap. 62, on all vessels arriving at these ports for the maintenance of the force; vessels of 100 tons and under being required to pay the tax once in each year, and vessels over 100 tons, twice in each year.

The Report of Mr. Benjamin Trudel, Chief of River Police at Quebec, together with a statement of all the arrests made during the past season, will be found in Supplement No. 1 to this Report. This force, as usual, was sworn in on the 1st May, and disbanded on the 30th November. It consisted during last season of the Chief Constable, who also acts as Shipping Master, and receives a salary of \$1,200 for both offices; a Clerk and Assistant in the Shipping Office who receives a salary of \$1,000 per annum; one Chief Coxswain, who acts also as Steersman of steamer "Dolphin," at \$2.20 per diem; one Steersman and six Coxswains at \$1.80; one Coxswain at \$1.50, 36 Constables at \$1.00 per diem; one Engineer at \$50 per month, and an Assistant Engineer at \$25 per month.

A bonus at the rate of 20 cents per diem was allowed to each of the 36 Constables for good conduct at the end of the season, thus making the wages allowed \$1.20 per diem.

The Chief Constable reports that four cases of crimping occurred during the last season, but the parties concerned escaped punishment owing to the illness of the Judge of Sessions, it being considered that the Statute gave no jurisdiction to any other Magistrate or Justice to try the prisoners. Steps will be taken to ascertain whether the law is defective in this respect, and to make an amendment to it if found necessary at the next Session of Parliament.

On the occasion of the difficulties which occurred in August last, between the employees of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Federal Authorities, when the road from South Quebec to Rivière du Loup was assumed by the Government, the services of the River Police Force were made available, and valuable assistance rendered in restoring peace. The Chief also reports that valuable assistance was rendered by the Force on the occasion of the lamentable riots which occurred in August last between the "Ship Labourers' Society" and "L'Union Canadienne."