

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND GAS.

37. An account of the expenditure and receipts in connection with this service will be found at pp. 34 to 44, and at pp. 225 to 235 of the Appendices. By these statements it will be seen that the expenditure for this service during the year was \$87,306, and that the amount accrued was \$16,445. Revenue and expenditure.

38. As during the year important changes were made in the manner of administering this service, and as the work of inspection was stayed during the last six months of the year, it is useless to institute comparisons with the preceding year's transactions. A special report in relation to this service has been prepared, and will form a supplement to this report. Supplementary report to follow.

PREVENTION OF ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

39. During the year the expenditure under this Act was \$7,797. A full account of the work done, together with the reports of the Analysts, will be found in a supplementary report. Amount expended, supplementary report to follow.

OUTSIDE SERVICE.

40. During the fiscal year a board of examiners for the examinations of outside officers met in the months of May and June, at Montreal, Quebec and Halifax. Except at Montreal, no candidates presented themselves. At Montreal there were five, of whom four passed in the third class and one failed. A tabulated statement of the results will be found in Appendix G. Examination of officers.

41. The number of officers who presented themselves for examination is small as compared with some previous years, and it is to be regretted that officers holding certificates in the lower grades have not more generally endeavoured to improve their rating, and that the few who have been permitted to remain in the service without having passed any examination have not presented themselves. I have little doubt but many would succeed, and I am confident that such success would contribute largely to their self-respect, and would impart confidence in the performance of their duties. And assuredly, it must be a source of great satisfaction to an officer to know that he owes his position in the service to his own proved ability and industry, rather than to the support of influential patrons. Disinclination of officers to present themselves.
Benefits from examinations.

42. I venture to suggest that if it were more fully understood that promotion depended on *proved* qualification, and that those who persistently fail to comply with the requirements of the service Promotion.