

per ton register, viz :—7 years, \$48 ; 6 years, \$44 ; 5 years, \$43.50. The difference now is so little between six years' and five years' ships that the latter class is seldom built. Vessels classed at Lloyds and French Veritas, charges from \$15 to \$20 per 100 tons, including cost of survey.

M. McDonald.—None of the ships built in this County are classed. They cost from \$20 to \$30 per ton.

Ditmars.—\$35 to \$40. French Veritas generally. From \$100 to \$150, varying according to size and description.

J. Ross.—Don't know ; none classed.

Hatfield.—About \$40 per ton for our best vessels. Owners generally survey them in course of construction.

Nicolson.—There are two inspectors for classification of new vessels,—Tucker, agent for Lloyds, and Forbes, agent for the French Insurance Office.

Sargent.—About \$60 per ton register.

Mine.—Six years' ships can be built for \$50 per ton register. Classed by Mr. Sims of French Veritas. About 25 cents per ton.

Campbell.—\$40 to \$50 per ton. French and English Lloyds.

Ratchford.—We have no classification. From \$20 to \$30 per ton for hull.

Cook.—A six years' classed ship of 600 tons can be built and fitted for sea for \$45 per ton, exclusive of disbursements for the voyage. If coppered she will cost \$5 per ton more. Our vessels are classed by English, French and American Lloyds' Surveyors, all of whose charges for classification and survey are much the same. I could only procure the table of charges of French Lloyds, which are as follow :—

SCALE OF CERTIFICATES and Survey Fees of Vessels in the Register Veritas, or French Lloyds.

(CERTIFICATES.)

Vessels of 100 tons and under,.....	£1 0 0
“ from 100 to 200 tons,.....	2 0 0
“ “ 200 “ 300 “	2 10 0
“ “ 300 “ 400 “	3 0 0
“ “ 400 “ 600 “	3 10 0
“ “ 600 “ 800 “	4 0 0
“ “ 800 “ 1000 “	5 0 0
“ “ 1000 “ and upwards,.....	6 0 0
Duplicates 400 tons and under,.....	0 10 0
“ 400 “ “ upwards,.....	1 0 0

Fees for special survey of new vessels of all grades, during the whole course of building :—

Vessels of 100 tons and under,.....	£ 6 0 0
“ from 100 to 200 tons,.....	8 0 0
“ “ 200 “ 300 “	10 0 0
“ “ 300 “ 400 “	12 0 8
“ “ 400 “ 500 “	14 0 0
“ “ 500 “ 600 “	16 0 0
“ “ 600 “ 700 “	18 0 0
“ “ 700 “ 800 “	20 0 0
“ “ 800 and upwards, 6 pence per ton.	

When the surveyor's services are required in another port than his place of residence, each day of absence is to be paid at the rate of £2 per day, independent of travelling expenses.

W. Kidston, Jr.—A six years' ship can be fitted for sea for about \$36 per ton. None of those hitherto built here have been classed at all.

Question 46.—Would it be desirable to have the Canals of the Dominion widened and deepened, where it would save the breaking of bulk ?

Answers of—

Chalmers.—It would be an advantage to sailing vessels.

Patterson.—It would tend to a great increase of our trade if the Welland and St.