

and the amount expended was \$15,438.76, there appears to be a deficit of \$122.26 on the receipts as compared with the expenditure, after providing for all the sick and distressed mariners in the Province who are entitled to relief.

At Montreal the sick mariners are well taken care of in the Montreal General Hospital, where the accommodation is excellent, and the medical attendance probably unsurpassed in any part of the world, at a cost of \$4 20 per week. The amount paid to that Institution for this service during last fiscal year was \$1,824. The average cost of maintaining the sick mariners at the Hospital of Quebec was \$9 66 each per week. The accommodation in this Hospital is also excellent, although more expensive, than at the Montreal General Hospital.

In New Brunswick the total expenditure during last fiscal year on account of Marine Hospitals and sick and distressed mariners, was \$6,516 13, of this amount the sum of \$4,036 41, was expended on the Marine Hospital at St. John, which is devoted exclusively to the care of sick mariners, and is under the medical superintendence of Dr. Botsford, one of the Physicians of that city. The Hospital, although an old building, is very comfortable, and is surrounded by pleasant and well laid out grounds, which are entirely reserved for the use of the convalescent patients. There are also small Marine Hospitals at St. Andrews, Miramichi, Richibucto and Bathurst. Deducting the expenditure in New Brunswick, viz :—\$6,516 13 from the amount collected as tonnage dues, viz :—\$7,698 32, there remains an excess of receipts over expenditure of \$1,182 19 in that Province.

In Nova Scotia there are no Marine Hospitals ;— the sick mariners being provided for in Halifax at the Provincial and City Hospital, at a cost of \$5 each per week, and at the outports they are taken care of by the Collectors of Customs, who make the necessary arrangements to provide for them in private boarding houses.

The total amount collected in Nova Scotia, during last fiscal year, on account of the sick mariners fund, was \$6,668 59 and the total expenditure was \$7,023 42, shewing an excess of expenditure over receipts in that Province.

At Quebec there were 760 sick mariners treated in the Marine and Emigrant Hospital during last fiscal year ; at Montreal there were 214 sick mariners treated during the year ended 30th November, 1871 ; and at St. John the number of sick mariners treated during the year ended 30th June, 1871, was 129. In connection with the Marine Hospital at St. John, there is a pest house at Partridge Island, for infectious diseases, under the charge of Dr. Harding, and during last fiscal year there were four small-pox patients admitted and taken care of until they were fit for discharging in a healthy state.

The total expenditure by this Department on account of this service, including distressed or shipwrecked seamen in the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, during last fiscal year was \$16,029 68, and the cost of maintaining the sick mariners in the Hospital at Quebec, for the same period was \$12,948 54 making a total expenditure of \$28,978 22 for the maintenance and treatment of the sick and distressed mariners in these Provinces during that period. Deducting this amount from the amount