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YARMOUTH, N.S., 5th January, 1877.

SIR,—I have the honour to hand you Returns of the Shipping Office at this port, for the half year ended 31st December, 1879, showing an increase of 184 men shipped and 134 men discharged, over the first half-year ended 30th June, 1876. There have been ten large new ships, averaging 1,200 tons each, sailed from here this year. Runs to New Orleans, \$25; average rate of wages, \$17 per month; wages now, \$16; and the harbour about closed up with ice.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. W. CLEMENTS,  
*Shipping Master.*

Hon. A. J. SMITH,  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries,  
Ottawa.