

The amount received during the last fiscal year on account of tonnage dues, inspection of steamboats, and certificates to engineers, was \$15,424.02, of which sum \$12,762.02 was for tonnage dues and inspection fees, and \$2,662 for certificates to engineers. This shows an increase in receipts as compared with the preceding year of \$3,191.86 in tonnage dues and inspection fees, and a decrease of \$99 in fees for certificates, or an increase on the whole of \$3,092.86. The expenditure for steamboat inspection during the past fiscal year as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 11, amounted to \$11,854.34, and as the receipts amounted to \$15,424.02 there is a surplus for the past year of \$3,569.68.

The Chairman in his report refers to the wreck of the Steamer "Zealand" in November last, at Long Point, Lake Ontario, with the loss of her entire crew consisting of eighteen all told, and of the Propeller "Simcoe" in the same month, off Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron, with a loss of twelve out of a crew of seventeen persons, and points out the necessity for the appointment of an Inspector of Hulls, to determine as to the seaworthiness or otherwise of such vessels. The question of making such appointment is under the consideration of the Department. A statement of the different casualties in the respective Divisions will be found in the Report of the Chairman.

The question of amending the Steamboat Inspection Act in regard to the testing of boilers, and also of exempting steam pleasure boats, used exclusively for pleasure or private use without hire, is at present under consideration.

It will be seen by the following comparative statement of receipts and expenditure on account of Steamboat Inspection Fund for the past eleven fiscal years, that during that period the entire receipts, \$150,486.61, have exceeded the expenditure, \$122,231.06, by the sum of \$28,255.55, which remains as a balance to the credit of the Fund.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
For fiscal year ended 30th June, 1870	\$12,521 29	\$ 7,399 18
" " " 1871	10,369 96	8,321 00
" " " 1872	11,710 43	8,500 00
" " " 1873	15,412 75	11,205 54
" " " 1874	15,603 19	10,291 58
" " " 1875	15,011 90	12,199 81
" " " 1876	13,811 24	13,081 86
" " " 1877	15,859 42	13,073 01
" " " 1878	12,431 25	13,228 28
" " " 1879	12,331 16	13,076 46
" " " 1880	15,424 02	11,854 34
	<u>\$150,486 61</u>	<u>\$122,231 06</u>
Deduct expenditure from receipts....	122,231 06	
Excess of receipts over expenditure...	<u>\$28,255 55</u>	