

During the past calendar year, as will be seen by reference to the report in supplement, the Board of Examiners have held meetings for the examination of candidates at the ports of Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B., Quebec and Yarmouth, N.S.

At the port of Halifax eleven meetings were held, twelve at St. John, two at Quebec, and eleven at Yarmouth.

At Halifax the number of masters who succeeded in passing and obtaining certificates of competency was nineteen, the number of mates twenty-nine, the number of second mates four, while eight failed to pass as master, twelve as mate, and three as second mate.

At the port of St. John, N.B., eighteen passed for the grade of master, fifteen for mate and five for second mate, while seven failed to pass for master and thirteen for mate. At the port of Yarmouth, N.S., seventeen passed for the grade of master, sixteen for mate and one for second mate, while two failed to pass for master and eleven for mate. At the port of Quebec three passed for the grade of master and one for second mate. One applicant from Victoria, B.C., for a master's certificate failed to pass.

It will thus be seen that during the past year out of seventy-five candidates that presented themselves at the ports named for examination as masters fifty-seven succeeded in passing and eighteen failed, and that out of one hundred and ten that applied for examination as mate seventy-one passed and thirty-nine failed.

The number of candidates who have passed and obtained master's certificates of competency since the Act went into operation, viz., 16th September, 1871, to the 31st December, 1887, is 1,571, and the amount paid for these certificates, at the rate of \$10 each, \$15,710. During the same period 1,026 candidates received certificates of competency as mate, and the amount paid, at the rate of \$5 each, was \$5,130.

In the Supplement referred to a list will be found of all who have obtained certificates of competency and service, either as master or mate, during the year ended 31st December, 1887.

During the calendar year four certificates of service for the grade of master and two for that of mate have been granted. The total number of certificates of service issued since the Act came into operation is 926 for the grade of master and 360 for that of mate, making a total of 1,286 certificates of service granted. These certificates, as stated in previous reports, are granted to masters and mates who are unable or unwilling to undergo examination for certificates of competency, and who have held situations as masters and mates previous to 1st January, 1870, and can produce certificates of experience and general good conduct. The fee charged for certificates of service is at the rate of \$5 for master and \$3 for mate.