

the operation of the Act referred to. By Order in Council of the 7th May 1877, the tonnage duty was reduced to four cents for every ton of the registered measurement of vessels entering the Ports in question.

By Order in Council of the 1st May 1877, the Port of Southern Bay, Ingonish, in the County of Victoria, N.S. was proclaimed under the operation of the Act, and a tonnage duty of six cents per ton imposed on all vessels entering that Port.

The amount collected at the different Ports under the operation of the Act for the year ended 30th June last, was as follows :—

Cape Chatte, Gaspé.....	\$ 8 20
Amherst and House Harbour, Magdalen Islands.....	110 04
Bathurst, N.B.....	496 44
Richibucto, N.B.....	721 20
South Bay, Ingonish.....	112 25
	\$1,448 13

The amount collected for the year ended 30th June, 1878 was \$1,965.92.

The only expenditure incurred during the past fiscal year was \$60, at South Bay, Ingonish.

At the Port of Cow Bay, in the County of Sydney, C.B., the sum of \$2,204.34 was collected under the provisions of the Act 37 Vic., cap. 18, which authorised the purchase of the Pier or Breakwater at that place, and provided for its maintenance. This amount is made up of tonnage dues at the rate of six cents per ton of the registered tonnage of each vessel entering the Harbour, and of wharfage dues levied and collected on merchandise landed on the Pier. The sum of \$999.74 has been expended during the last fiscal year in connection with the Breakwater by the Department of Public Works.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

The Report of the Chairman of the Board of Steamboat Inspection for the year ended 31st December last will be found in Supplement No. 1 to this Report, together with statements showing the names of Engineers examined, and to whom certificates had been granted and renewed, the amount of fees paid for such certificates, the steamboats inspected, and the amount of duties and fees collected; also statements showing the steamboats added to the number in the Dominion, and those broken up, lost or rendered unfit for service during the year. From the Report and Statements it will appear that during the last calendar year, there have been issued 1,163 certificates to Engineers, being 15 less than issued in the preceding year. The certificates granted are classed as follows: first, second and third class Engineers, 453; first, second and third class Assistant Engineers, 658; limited and confined to special