

Act 31 Vict., cap. 64, all such persons are taken care of by the officers of the Dominion Government, and a small tonnage duty is levied on vessels arriving in any one of the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, amounting to two cents per ton, vessels of 100 tons or less to pay once a year, and vessels over 100 tons to pay twice a year. Vessels trading from one port to another of the same Province are not liable for this tax, and the crews of such vessels are not entitled to relief.

The administration of the funds collected for this service, and the care and management of Marine Hospitals exclusively devoted to the reception of sick mariners, as well as the care of sick and distressed mariners generally, are entrusted to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who is required to make an annual report and statement to the Governor-General of the receipts and expenditure under this Act, for the purpose of being laid before Parliament. The statements required to be made will be found in Appendices Nos. 12 and 30. The total amount collected on account of this branch of the Public Service during the year ended 30th June, 1871, was \$29,683.41, as appears by the returns made to this Department by the officers who collect the dues. The amount paid into the Receiver-General's Department, as appears by the Public Accounts, differs slightly from this amount, as it is probable collections have been made during the fiscal year at some of the small ports which may not have been paid over for some time after.

Of the total amount collected, the Province of Quebec contributed \$15,316.50; New Brunswick, \$7,698.32; and Nova Scotia, \$6,668.59.

The total amount collected on account of this service during the year ended 30th June, 1870, was \$31,410.46. During year ended 30th June, 1869, it was \$31,353.78; and for the year ended 30th June, 1868, it was \$21,049.68.

At the Port of Quebec the sick mariners are provided for in the Marine and Emigration Hospital there, which is under the management and control of the Department of Agriculture, and which is used for the reception not only of sick mariners, but of immigrants, and inhabitants of the City of Quebec. The total expenditure of this hospital during the last fiscal year was \$19,823.18. Of this amount the local Government of Quebec paid its annual contribution of \$4,000, in consideration of the expenses incurred in treating and maintaining patients from the Province of Quebec. The amount contributed by paying patients during last fiscal year was \$235.40, and there were some other minor receipts, amounting in all to the sum of \$656, including the amount received from the paying patients, leaving the sum of \$15,167.18 to be defrayed by the Government of Canada. Of this amount the authorities of the hospital estimate the cost of providing for the sick mariners who were treated there during last year to have been \$12,948.54. Nearly all this amount was on account of seamen from sea-going vessels, which amounted to \$12,760.86, leaving the amount incurred on account of sick seamen from coasting vessels to be \$187.68. The amount expended by this Department for the treatment of sick mariners at other ports in the Province of Quebec during that period, including Montreal, was \$2,318.13, and for shipwrecked or distressed seamen \$172.09, making a total expenditure in the Province of Quebec, on account of this service, of \$15,438.76. As the amount collected in the Province of Quebec was only \$15,316.50,