

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.....	<i>Nil.</i>
Amherst and House Harbour, Magdalen Islands.....	\$92 88
Bathurst, N.B.....	298 64
Richibucto, N.B.....	637 56
South Bay, Ingonish.....	61 92
	\$1,091 00

The amount collected for the year ended 30th June, 1879, was \$1,448.13.

The sum of \$753.41 was expended by the Department of Public Works at Richibucto, and the sum of \$87 at South Bay, Ingonish.

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 1,264 certificates to engineers, being 101 more than issued in the preceding year. The certificates granted are classed as follows: First, second and third class engineers, 424; first, second and third class assistant engineers, 601; limited and confined to special steamers, 123. The sum of \$2,946 was received by the chairman as fees for certificates, and deposited to the credit of the Steamboat Inspection Fund, being an increase of \$58 over the amount received during the preceding year.

The total number of steamboats in the Dominion is 797, having a gross tonnage of 158,862 tons and 97,552 tons register. Of this number 214 belonged to the West Ontario, Huron and Lake Superior Division; 113 to the East Ontario Division; 133 to the Montreal Division; 54 to the Three Rivers Division; 107 to the Quebec Division; 116 to the Maritime Provinces; 40 to British Columbia, and 20 to Manitoba. Of the whole number, 294 were paddle, 503 screw, 361 passenger steamers, 77 freight, and 359 tugs.

During the last calendar year, 65 new steamers were added to the list, having a gross tonnage of 6,325 tons, and 4,228 tons register. During the same period 36 steamers were lost or put out of service, having a gross tonnage of 4,999 tons and 3,318 tons register. This shows a gain in steamers of 29, and of gross tonnage 1,326 tons, and 910 tons register. The principal increase in tonnage was in East Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia Divisions.