

for each seaman, including both board and medical attendance. The number of seamen treated at this Hospital, for the year ended 30th November, 1877, was 136 and the amount paid was \$2,015.10. The amount of sick mariners' dues collected at the Port of Montreal for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$2,480.08.

At the Port of Quebec, sick seamen are provided for at the Marine and Immigrant Hospital. The sum of \$20,000 was appropriated by Parliament for the maintenance of this Hospital, and the amount expended for the last fiscal year was \$19,987.50 as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 28. The usual grant of \$2,666.67 was received from the Government of Quebec, and \$361 from paying patients and rent of beach lots, making the total amount deposited to the credit of the Receiver General \$3,027.67, thus reducing the cost of maintenance to the Government of the Dominion to \$16,959.83. In this sum the cost of maintaining sick immigrants as well as seamen, is included, and estimating the cost of immigrants, of whom there were six in the Hospital having 58 days' treatment at \$133.85, the cost of sick seamen would amount to \$16,825.98. By reference however to the Report of the Resident Physician (See Appendix No. 28), it would appear that during the year ended 30th June last, out of 929 patients received, 518 were seamen having 7,291 days' treatment, six were immigrants having 58 days' treatment, and 405 were residents of Quebec having 15,805 days' treatment in the Hospital. As stated therefore in previous Reports, the contribution made towards the institution by the Government of Quebec, and which was reduced from \$4,000 to \$2,666.66 in 1875, is altogether inadequate towards the support of residents in the Hospital. A fair proportion of the cost of the Institute for the last fiscal year would be as follows: for seamen \$6,293.89, for immigrants \$50.07 and for residents \$13,643.54. Taking into consideration the total number of days spent in the Hospital by sailors, immigrants and residents of Quebec, viz., 23,154, the cost of maintaining each patient per diem, viz., 86½c. does not appear to be excessive.

The amount of sick mariners dues collected at the Port of Quebec during the last fiscal year, was \$14,604.40, being \$1,119.52 less than that of the preceding year, and the total amount of dues collected in the Province of Quebec for the same period was \$18,901.84, instead of \$19,896.36 collected in the preceding year. The expenditure for sick seamen at the different Ports in the Province, for the last fiscal year, estimating the actual charge to the fund for the Marine Hospital at Quebec at \$16,825.98 as above stated, amounts to \$19,947.44, shewing an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$1,045.60. This is owing however to the heavy expense incurred in maintaining the residents of Quebec in the Marine Hospital for such an inadequate remuneration.

The expenditure on account of sick and disabled seamen in the Province of New Brunswick, amounted during the last fiscal year to \$10,350.41, and for shipwrecked and distressed seamen \$388.03, making a total expenditure of \$10,738.44, while the