

During the past fiscal year the sum of \$1,815.63 was paid to the Imperial Board of Trade, to reimburse expenses incurred in caring for shipwrecked and distressed seamen of Canada in foreign ports.

The total expenditure by this Department on account of sick, disabled, shipwrecked, and distressed seamen during the last fiscal year including the grant of \$2,500 made to the hospital at St. Catharines, and \$500 to the hospital at Kingston, and the entire expenditure on account of the Marine Hospital at Quebec amounted to \$59,106.42, and deducting the amount collected from shipping for sick mariners dues, viz., \$37,801.46 from the amount expended, leaves an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$21,304.96. Deducting, however, the sum of \$2,000 paid for extension of the Marine Hospital at St. Catharines, and making deductions for immigrants and residents in the marine hospital at Quebec, the expenditure would be \$50,684.76, and the deficiency in the fund would amount only to \$12,883.30.

The amounts of receipts and disbursements in connection with this service during the last seven fiscal years were as follows:—

	Receipts.	Disbursements.
For fiscal year ended 30th June, 1869	\$31,353 78	\$26,987 64
do do do 1870	31,410 46	27,029 34
do do do 1871	29,683 41	28,978 22
do do do 1872	34,911 64	38,947 60
do do do 1873	37,136 10	41,016 43
do do do 1874	41,500 16	59,778 90
do do do 1875	37,801 46	50,684 76
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	243,797 01	273,422 89
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Balance to the debit of the fund		\$29,625 88

IMPROVEMENT OF HARBOURS.

Under the provisions of the Act 32 and 33 Vic., cap. 40, a tax of ten cents per ton has been imposed, for the improvement of harbours, on all vessels arriving at the Ports of Bathurst and Richibucto, N.B., and Amherst, House Harbour and Cape Chatte, Quebec, which Ports have been proclaimed under the operation of the Act.

The amount collected at the Ports mentioned for the year ended 30th June, 1875, was as follows:—

Bathurst.....	5,536 tons	\$ 553 60
Richibucto	18,335 "	1,833 50
Amherst	2,727 "	272 70
House Harbour	410 "	41 00
Cape Chatte, Gaspé.....	111 "	11 10
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Total.....	27,119 "	\$2,711 90

The amount collected for the year ended 30th June, 1874, was \$2,769 90