

Imperial Validity Certificates total 29, of which 11 passed for certificates, 6 passed Part "A," and 12 failed. Candidates sitting for Second-class Imperial Validity Certificates total 29, of which 7 passed for certificates, 11 passed Part "A," and 11 failed.

Candidates for the Third Marine Examination total 58, of whom 34 passed and 24 failed. Of the 34 who passed, 24 passed at the first attempt and 10 at the second attempt.

Candidates for the Coastal Motor Examination total 20. Of these, 1 passed for First-class Certificate, and 16 passed and 3 failed for Second-class Certificate.

SUMMARY

(1) First- and Second-class Examination for Imperial Validity Certificate.—60·3 per cent. passed and 39·7 per cent. failed.

(2) Third-class Examination.—58·7 per cent. passed and 41·3 per cent. failed.

(3) Coastal Motor Examination.—85 per cent. passed and 15 per cent. failed.

The remaining 101 candidates were examined for River Engineer and Restricted Limits, P.V.O.S. Certificates of Competency. Of these, 7 passed for River Engineer; 88 passed and 6 failed for Restricted Limits Examination.

In the course of the year there has been a constantly increasing volume of inquiries regarding qualifying workshop time for returned servicemen who have performed trade work. In all cases the time so served has been considered to be continued apprenticeship service and each apprentice who desired examination on the completion of five calendar years' combined service has been examined for the appropriate certificate for which he is qualified to sit.

During the latter part of the year there were numerous requests for special examinations for candidates serving on home-trade articles who could not get leave at schedule examination dates. These requests were met whenever possible.

Summary, 31st March, 1946

					Passed.	Failed.	Total.
R.L., P.V.O.S.	..	..	..	..	88	6	94
River Engine Steam	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Second Coastal Motor	..	..	..	..	16	3	19
First Coastal Motor	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Third Marine	..	..	..	..	34	24	58
					P.P.	Failed.	N.P.
Second Marine	..	..	..	..	11	11	29
First Marine	..	..	..	..	6	12	29
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SURVEY OF SHIPS

Survey certificates were issued during the year ended 31st March, 1946, for 2 steam and 5 motor foreign-going ships, 26 steam and 69 motor home-trade ships, and 33 steam and 262 motor restricted-limits ships and launches.

Equipment certificates were issued for 16 foreign-going, 17 home-trade, and 4 restricted-limits ships, all of which carry certificates of class issued by classification societies.

Survey and equipment certificates issued for the year ended 31st March, 1946, total 434, as compared with a total of 389 issued for the year ended 31st March, 1945.

Surveys were also made in 247 cases for seaworthiness, efficiency of equipment, tonnage, radio-telegraphy, &c., as against 221 such cases surveyed during the previous year.

Forty-two of these surveys made in 1945-46 were in respect of overseas ships not registered nor normally surveyed in the Dominion.