

SURVEY OF STEAMERS RETURN.

A return numbered 17 gives the number of steamers surveyed by the Department for the period ended the 31st March, 1904, including the names of steamers, tons register, horse-power, nature of machinery and propeller.

The number of steamers and oil-engine vessels surveyed was 296, the number of surveys made being 336.

The fees payable in respect of such surveys amounted to £1,623 10s.

SURVEY OF SAILING-SHIPS RETURN.

There were ten sailing-vessels surveyed during the year, and the number of surveys made was eleven. Particulars of size and description will be found on Return No. 18. The fees payable amounted to £88.

RETURNS.

Appended are the returns in detail, numbered 1 to 20.

1. Number and class of boilers inspected, and fees payable on these; the machinery inspected, and the fees payable thereon; and the classes and numbers of engine-drivers' certificates issued, and the fees payable therefor.

2. Return of defects found on inspection of boilers.

3. Return of notices given to repair boilers.

4. Return of notices given to fence dangerous parts of machinery.

5. Return of accidents which were not fatal.

6. Return of accidents which proved fatal.

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Names of all persons to whom land stationary certificates of competency and service have been granted during the year.

16. List of persons who were examined for marine engineers' certificates of service and competency.

17. Return as to steamers and oil-engine vessels surveyed during the year.

18. Return as to sailing-vessels surveyed during the year.

19. Return of vessels surveyed for seaworthiness, &c., during the year.

20. Return showing sums earned or received and amount spent during the financial year for inspection of machinery, examination of engineers and engine-drivers, and survey of steamers.

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