

## CHAPTER IX.

## MARINE AND FISHERIES.

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433. The special object of this Department is the protection of our mercantile marine, and of the shipping that frequent our coasts, it is therefore of the highest consequence that it should be made as efficient as possible, and it is gratifying to know that no pains are spared in order to bring about this result, and to provide security to shipping equal to that of the most advanced of countries.

434. An examination of the following table will give some idea of the progress made since Confederation. In it are shown the number of light stations, lighthouses, fog-whistles and fog-horns in every year from 1868 to 1885 inclusive. The light stations in Newfoundland that are maintained by the Dominion are included in these figures.

NUMBER of Lighthouses, &amp;c., 1868-1885.

Year ended 31st December.	Light Stations.	Lighthouses.	Fog-Whistles.	Automatic Fog - Horns.
1868.....	198	227	2	.....
1869.....	219	233	2	.....
1870.....	240	278	4	.....
1871.....	264	297	8	.....
1872.....	280	314	13	.....
1873.....	316	363	17	.....
1874.....	342	384	18	.....
1875.....	377	444	22	.....
1876.....	407	488	24	.....
1877.....	416	509	25	2
1878.....	427	518	25	4
1879.....	443	542	23	6
1880.....	452	551	22	7
1881.....	462	553	23	9
1882.....	470	562	23	9
1883.....	484	578	23	9
1884.....	507	597	23	10
1885.....	526	617	23	12