
442. British Columbia division contained 8 lighthouses and 1 fog-whistle, these were supplied by the steamer "Sir James Douglass." One new lighthouse was erected. The expenditure for maintenance was \$15,457, and for construction, \$1,617.

443. The Department has 8 steamers, the property of the Government, under its control, for the purpose of supplying the different lights, laying down and taking up buoys, attending to wrecks, &c., &c. The total cost of maintaining these vessels during 1885 was \$146,275 and the sum of \$47,238 was expended on the construction of the "Lansdowne."

444. A police force has been established for some years at the harbours of Montreal and Quebec, to meet the expenditure for which, a tax of 3 cents a ton is levied on all vessels at either port. The force consisted of 75 men, thirty-six at Quebec, and 39 at Montreal, and the total number of arrests made was 1,377. There was an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$17,384. During the past 16 years the total expenditure has exceeded the receipts by \$143,155.

445. The expenditure on account of sick, disabled and distressed seamen at the various ports in the Dominion in 1885 amounted to \$553.67, and the receipts obtained by the levying of a tax of 2 cents a ton on all vessels, three times a year, amounted to \$39,068, a deficiency of \$16,299. The total excess of expenditure over receipts during the past 17 years has amounted to \$18,063.

446. The total number of steamboats in the Dominion was 916, with a gross tonnage of 167,679 tons; 76 were added to the number during the past year, and 52 lost or put out of service. The receipts on account of the Steamboat Inspection Fund during the last 16 years have exceeded the expenditure by \$13,346.

447. The total number of wrecks and casualties in 1885 to sea going vessels of all nations that happened in Canadian waters together with those that happened to Canadian sea-going vessels in other waters was 174, the amount of tonnage involved was 79,552, and the estimated amount of loss \$1,210,000, while the number of lives lost was 21, ten in Canadian and eleven in other waters.

448. The disasters to vessels of all nations in Canadian inland waters, and to Canadian vessels in American inland waters, were 21, the tonnage involved was 6,395 tons, and the estimated loss to vessels and cargoes was \$358,728, while the number of lives lost was 48.

449. The most serious of all the disasters was the loss of the "Algoma," one of the steel steamships belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company which was totally wrecked on Isle Royal, Lake Superior, on 7th November, and 38 of the crew and passengers were drowned. This wreck alone, it will be seen, furnished over three-fourths of the total number of lives lost, and more than two-thirds of the