

CHAPTER IX.

MARINE AND FISHERIES.

PART I.—MARINE.

524. 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.

525. 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 1886 inclusive. The light stations in Newfoundland that are maintained by the Dominion are included in these figures:

NUMBER OF LIGHTHOUSES &c., IN CANADA, 1868-1886.

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
1886.....	534	625	23	16