

Increase. 526. It will be seen that there are no less than 336 light stations, 398 lighthouses, 21 fog whistles and 16 fog horns more than there were in 1868, without taking into account the large number of bell-buoys, buoys and beacons that have also been supplied since then.

Number of lights, &c., 1886. 527. The total number of light stations in the Dominion on the 31st December, 1886, was 534; of lights shown, 625; of steam fog whistles and automatic fog horns, 39; and of lightkeepers, engineers of fog whistles, assistants and crews of lightships, 682; while the whole number of persons employed on the outside service was 1,431. The lights, beacons, &c., were distributed among the several divisions as follows:

Ontario division. 528. The Ontario division, extending from Montreal to Manitoba, contained 176 lights, including 2 in Manitoba. There were also 225 buoys and 19 beacons. Five new lights and several buoys and beacons were added during the year. The total cost of maintenance for the year was \$85,719, and of construction, \$36,678.

Quebec division. 529. The Quebec division is a large and important one, comprising, as it does, the Richelieu River and Lake Memphremagog, the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Strait of Belle Isle, and the north-west coast of Newfoundland. In this division there were 149 lights, 8 lightships, 3 supplied with steam fog whistles, 7 steam fog whistles, 10 fog guns, 112 buoys, 59 beacons, and 10 life-saving canoes for service in the ice. The lights were supplied by the steamers "La Canadienne" and "Napoleon III." The expenditure for maintenance was \$131,028, and for construction, \$5,878.

Nova Scotia division. 530. The Nova Scotia division, likewise a very important one, contained 151 lighthouses, showing 161 lights, 1 lightship, 12 steam fog alarms, 10 hand fog alarm stations, 2 fog bells, 3 signal gun stations, 7 automatic signal buoys, 5 bell-buoys, 540 other buoys, 8 stationary beacons, 8 life-