

verified. The system of supplying information concerning the weather throughout the country by means of metal discs attached to the railway carriages has proved very successful, and is much appreciated by farmers and country people.

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546. The Superintendent, in his report, calls attention to the excellent meteorological statistics collected by the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, and it is, as he remarks, very much to be hoped that the other Provinces will follow their good example.

Expendi-  
ture.

547. The following is a general summary of the expenditure of this department during the year ended 30th June, 1886. The expenditure in 1885 amounted to \$1,038,892, there was therefore a decrease of \$58,772.

EXPENDITURE OF DEPARTMENT OF MARINE, 1883.

Departmental salaries .....	\$ 30,454
Maintenance of lights.....	505,929
Construction of " .....	55,825
Dominion steamers .....	130,760
Examination of masters and mates .....	5,245
Hudson's Bay expedition.....	35,217
Marine hospitals.....	49,304
Meteorological service .....	56,893
Signal service.....	4,622
Rewards for saving life, purchasing lifeboats, &c. ....	8,147
Georgian Bay survey .....	17,759
Water police.....	43,917
Steamboat inspection.....	21,776
Winter mail service .....	5,985
Miscellaneous .....	8,282
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Total .....	\$980,120
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Number  
of vesse's,  
1886.

548. The following table gives the number of vessels and number of tons on the registry books of the Dominion on 31st December, 1886, all sailing vessels, steamers and barges are included:—