

\$14,796. The schooner "Prince Edward," which was built for the purpose, delivered the annual supplies.

British  
Columbia  
Division.

425. British Columbia division contained 10 light-houses and 2 fog alarms; these were supplied by the steamer "Sir James Douglas." The expenditure for maintenance was \$19,604, and for construction, \$6,918.

Government  
steamers.

426. 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., besides the steamer "Sir James Douglas," which discharges the duties of this Department on the Pacific coast. The total cost of maintaining these vessels during 1888 was \$150,659.

Communi-  
cation  
with  
Prince  
Edward  
Island.

427. The "Northern Light" which formerly maintained communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, having been found no longer efficient for the service, a new vessel, called "The Stanley," was built at Glasgow specially for this service, the contract price being \$141,133 (£29,000). This steamer commenced running last winter, and has given great satisfaction.

Harbour  
Police.

428. A police force has been established for a number of years at the harbours of Montreal and Quebec, for the purpose of keeping order and restraining crimping, to meet the expenditure for which a tax of 3 cents per ton is levied on all vessels at either port, paid once a year by vessels under 100 tons and twice a year by vessels over that amount. The force in 1888 consisted of 69 men, 30 at Quebec and 39 at Montreal, and the total number of arrests made was 758, being 220 less than in the preceding year. There was an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$16,206, and during the past 19 years the total expenditure has exceeded the total receipts by \$196,593.