

CHAPTER VIII.

MERCANTILE MARINE AND FISHERIES.

PART I.—MERCANTILE MARINE.

The
Marine
Depart-
ment.

500. The special object of the Marine 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 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.

Number of
light-
houses, etc.
1868-1890.

501. 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 1890, inclusive. The light stations in Newfoundland that are maintained by the Dominion are included in these figures :—

NUMBER OF LIGHTHOUSES, &c., IN CANADA, 1868-1890.

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
1887.	561	658	23	24
1888.	569	664	23	27
1889.	579	675	24	29
1890.	599	705	23	32