

CHAPTER VIII.

MERCANTILE MARINE AND FISHERIES.

PART I.—MERCANTILE MARINE.

The Marine Department.

514. 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., 1868-1891.

515. 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 1891, inclusive. The light stations in Newfoundland that are maintained by the Dominion are included in these figures :—

NUMBER OF LIGHTHOUSES, &c., IN CANADA, 1868-1891.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Light Stations.	Light-houses.	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
1891	605	710	23	31