

612. It will be seen that there were 419 light stations, 514 light-houses, 21 fog-whistles and 34 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. Increase in Number.

613. The total number of light stations in the Dominion on 31st December, 1892, was 617 ; of lights shown, 741 ; of steam fog-whistles and automatic fog-horns, 57 ; and of light-keepers, engineers of fog-whistles, assistants and crews of lightships, 673 ; while the whole number of persons employed on the outside service was 1,430. The lights, beacons, &c., were distributed among the several divisions as follow :— Number of lights, etc., 1892.

614. The Ontario division, extending from Montreal to Manitoba, contained 214 lights, including two in Manitoba. There were also 2 fog-whistles, 9 fog-horns, 3 fog-bells, 425 buoys and 20 beacons. Eleven new lights, including eight on the St. Mary River, near Sault Ste. Marie, and several buoys and beacons, were added during the year. The lights were supplied by the SS. "Acadia," chartered for the purpose. Ontario division.

615. 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, the north-west coast of Newfoundland and the Labrador coast. In this division there were 150 lights, 8 lightships, 3 supplied with steam fog-whistles, 8 steam fog-whistles, 7 fog-guns, 2 explosive bomb stations, 116 buoys, of which 10 were gas-buoys, 59 beacons and 10 life-saving canoes for service in the ice. The lights were supplied by the steamers "Druid" and "Alert." A steam fog-whistle was put in operation at Cape Magdalen on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, and a number of other improvements and repairs were made. Quebec division.

616. The Nova Scotia division, likewise a very important one, contained 169 lighthouses, showing 187 lights, 1 lightship, 16 steam fog-alarms, 17 hand fog-alarms, 2 fog-bells, 1 signal-bomb station, 12 automatic signal-buoys, 9 bell-buoys, 92 iron can-buoys, 700 other buoys, 8 stationary beacons, 15 life-boat stations, 3 humane establishments and 4 signal stations. The lights were supplied by the steamer "Newfield." Two new lights are in course of construction, and a number of improvements were made. Nova Scotia division.

617. In the New Brunswick division there were 118 lighthouses, 1 lightship and 12 fog-alarms, 1 signal gun, 4 automatic signal-buoys, 3 bell-buoys and 480 other buoys. Two new lights were established during 1892. The lights were supplied by the steamer "Lansdowne." New Brunswick division.

618. Prince Edward Island division contained 52 lights and 1 fog-alarm, 2 automatic buoys, 1 bell-buoy. No new lights were added during the year, but a number of improvements were made. The schooner Prince Edward Island division.