

CHAPTER XVI.

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1251. The maritime interests of Canada are large, and the importance of a thoroughly equipped Marine Department, therefore, correspondingly great. This has been recognized by the Government and people of Canada for many years. The Union of the provinces in 1867, by adding the large maritime interests of the eastern provinces to those of the Province of Quebec, emphasized the necessity of a separate department. Hon. P. Mitchell became the first Minister of Marine and Fisheries and organized the department which has control of marine matters.

1252. Since Confederation 200,000,000 tons of sea-going shipping have entered the seaports of Canada ; 172,000,000 tons of shipping have crossed and recrossed the great lakes between Canada and the United States ; 360,000,000 tons have passed from Canadian ports to Canadian ports, doing the coasting trade of the country.

1253. In 1859 there were 59 light-houses in the Province of Canada, 10 in New Brunswick, 19 in Nova Scotia and 1 in Prince Edward Island—in all 89. In 1868 there were 227 light-houses, 198 light-stations and 2 fog-whistles. In 1894 there were 755 light-houses, 624 light-stations, 22 fog-horns and 39 automatic fog-horns. The light-stations in Newfoundland that are maintained by the Dominion Government are included in the following statement:—