

1068. The Nova Scotia division, likewise a very important one, contained 180 light-houses, showing 192 lights, 1 light-ship, 16 steam fog-alarms, 18 hand fog-alarms, 2 fog-bells, 1 signal bomb-station, 17 automatic signal-buoys, 13 bell-buoys, 98 iron can-buoys, 700 other buoys, 8 stationary beacons, 16 life-boat stations, 3 humane establishments and 4 signal stations. The lights were supplied by the steamers "Newfield" and "Aberdeen."

1069. In the New Brunswick division there were 117 light-houses, 12 fog-alarms, 87 light-keepers and 12 engineers and 10 assistants in charge of light-houses and fog-alarms. The lights were supplied by the steamer "Lansdowne."

1070. Prince Edward Island division contained 35 light-houses, showing 56 lights, 1 steam fog-horn, 3 automatic buoys, and one bell-buoy. The steamer "Prince Edward" delivered the annual supplies.

1071. British Columbia division contained 16 light-houses, 5 of which are fog-alarms and at 3 others bells are rung by machinery, and 4 lantern lights on pile-beacons. The lights were supplied by the steamer "Quadra."

1072. The total cost of maintaining the light-houses, fog-whistles, &c., in Canada in 1895 was \$457,548.

1073. On the 1st July, 1886, the light-house at Cape Race, Newfoundland, was transferred by the Imperial Government to the Dominion of Canada, and the sum of \$100,151, being the balance of light dues collected by the Board of Trade, was paid to the Canadian Government, on the understanding that the light-house and fog-alarm should in future be maintained at the expense of the Dominion, free of dues. The light-house is indispensable to the safety of all vessels navigating the North Atlantic to and from Canada, and the transfer has relieved the Dominion of dues which amounted to about \$1,200 annually.

1074. 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. The total cost of maintaining these vessels during 1895, after deducting receipts, was \$118,133.

1075. The steel steamer "Stanley," built expressly for the winter service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, kept up communication, with a few unavoidable exceptions, during the winter of 1894-95, and the service generally gave satisfaction. During the summer this boat is employed in the Fisheries Protection Service.

1076. In order to provide for the treatment of sick and distressed mariners, all vessels over 100 tons register are required to pay a duty of 2 cents per ton three times a year, vessels under 100 tons only paying once in the same period; fishing vessels are also now entitled to the same benefits as other vessels, provided the dues are paid before leaving on a fishing