

Marine Hospitals expenditure shows an increase of \$10,161, due to a new wing being added to the hospital at Sydney, and repairs to the hospitals generally.

Steamboat Inspection cost \$3,787 more, but the revenue increased in proportion.

Under the Heads, Geological Survey and Scientific Institutions, the cost increased from \$145,392 to \$205,500, due in part to more extended surveys and explorations, in part to the Meteorological Service and to some extent to more extended operations in connection with Hydrographic Surveys.

Branches of the Administration.

Penitentiaries in 1895 cost \$449,599, and in 1903, \$477,839—an increase of \$28,240, or about 6% in eight years. The reasons for this may be briefly cited as follows:—

- (1) Purchase of a new quarry for Kingston Penitentiary during 1903
- (2) Installation of brick-making plant at St. Vincent de Paul.
- (3) Increased salaries of officials on account of increased living expenses.
- (4) General increases in the price of supplies.

Inspection of Staples cost last year \$66,261 as compared with \$2,354 in 1895. The reasons are new and improved methods, and greatly increased efficiency in the public interest. In 1895 the expenses incurred were for the different standard Boards in connection with the selection of grain and flour samples. There were no salaried officers then. To-day there is a Chief Inspector of hides, an Inspector of binder twine, two Chief Inspectors and several Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors of grain, a Warehouse Commissioner at Winnipeg, and various other officials in connection with grain inspection.

Mail Subsidies and Steamship Subventions.—

1903.....	\$799,285
1895.....	513,268
Increase, 1903.....	\$286,017

In 1895 there were eighteen subsidized steamship services, to-day there are thirty or more. Among the principal new services may be mentioned:—