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comply with the requirements of the Petroleum Inspection Act, 1880, and its amendments.

The quantity supplied to the lights above Montreal during the past fiscal year was 21,923 gallons; to the lights in the Quebec district, 28,603 gallons; to the Nova Scotia district, 28,952 gallons; to the New Brunswick district, 26,614 gallons; to the lights in Prince Edward Island, 5,052 gallons, and to lights in British Columbia, 2,082 gallons, making in all 113,226 gallons.

#### DOMINION STEAMERS.

The steamers under the control of this Department consist of the screw steamer "Napoleon III"; the "Druid," paddle wheel; the "Newfield," screw; the "Lansdowne," screw; the "Northern Light," screw; the "Bayfield," screw, and the small steam launch "Dolphin," employed at Quebec in connection with the River Police Force.

The steamer "Napoleon III" was employed during past season in supplying the lights in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Straits of Belle Isle and Baie des Chalours, and made two trips for the purpose. During the past season this vessel has been fitted with a complete pair of compound engines, boilers, &c., which belonged to the wrecked steamship "Fylgia," and were found perfectly suitable for the requirements of the "Napoleon." The boilers and engines were almost new, and the cost, including the removal of the old boiler and machinery and fitting up the new amounted to \$18,000. The vessel has also been repaired and strengthened, and other improvements made have effected a large saving in the consumption of coal and have also added to her speed and carrying capacity.

The steamer "Druid" was employed during the past season in attending to the lighthouse and buoy service in the River St. Lawrence both above and below Quebec. The new boiler put in this vessel last year and the other improvements effected, have given much satisfaction and added largely to the usefulness of the vessel.

The steamer "Newfield" was employed during the last season in attending to the buoy, lighthouse and fog alarm service on the eastern coast of Nova Scotia, in repairing the telegraph cable at Bird Rock and Ingonish, supplying the north shore lights in New Brunswick, and also several light stations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy.

The steamer "Lansdowne" was employed in lighthouse and buoy service in New Brunswick and also supplied the lights and fog-alarms on the western coast of Nova Scotia. She was also engaged for a short period lately in the winter service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, but having been found unsuitable was withdrawn.