

1. The administration of all the Lighthouses in the Dominion, which are maintained by the Government of Canada, including three first-class Lighthouses recently erected on the coast of Newfoundland for the benefit of Canadian shipping entering and leaving the Gulf of St. Lawrence, either by the Straits of Belle Isle or by the southern entrance of the Gulf. These new Lighthouses were erected at Cape Norman near the north-east entrance of the Straits of Belle Isle, at Point Rich, near the south-west entrance of the Straits, and at Cape Ray on the northerly side of the southern entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The number of Lighthouses which are managed by this Department, including those managed by the Trinity House, Montreal, and the three already mentioned in Newfoundland and two at British Columbia, is at the present time 251, requiring a staff of keepers and assistant keepers paid by this Department numbering 285. In addition to this staff of keepers, there are a number of other assistants employed and paid by the keepers who require them, and who do not appear on the books of this Department, as these keepers have generally such salaries allowed them as enables them to procure any assistance they may require.

2. The administration of eleven Lightships, including three in the River St. Lawrence below Quebec, three between Montreal and Quebec, four in Lake St. Louis, above Montreal, and one in British Columbia. In addition to these a Lightship is stationed at Colchester Reef, Lake Erie, which has been hitherto maintained principally by private subscriptions from owners and masters of vessels and underwriters' associations, but during last season the sum of \$500 was paid to the owners of the vessel alluded to by this Department, having previously been voted by Parliament for this purpose, as it was found to be a very useful and important light to the shipping trading on Lake Erie.

3. The administration of eight Steam Fog Whistles, including one in the Iron Lightship which is stationed during the season of navigation below Red Island Reef, in the River St. Lawrence. Four more are under contract, and one about to be contracted for, making thirteen, which the Department hopes to have in operation early next season.

4. The construction of new Lighthouses and piers in connection therewith, Steam Fog Whistles, Light Vessels, Buoys, Beacons, &c.

5. The supervision of the Trinity House at Montreal and Quebec, the former of which manages the lights, buoys and beacons, pilotage, &c., below Montreal, and the latter pilotage and other matters connected with the navigation of the Lower St. Lawrence.

6. The management of the Dominion Steamers not employed for warlike or defensive purposes, including two at Quebec, one at Halifax, and one in British Columbia. In addition to these four steamers, there is also a suitable police steamer at Quebec, and the Trinity House steamer at Montreal, making altogether six steamers managed by this Department.

7. The River and Harbour Police Force, at Montreal and Quebec, numbering fifty persons.

8. The administration of the Humane Establishments, and care of the Sick and Distressed Mariners throughout the Dominion, including shipwrecked crews.