

By referring to Appendix No. 30, a statement will be found of the amounts collected from the Wharves and Piers under the charge of the Department. The total amount collected was 4274.84.

By Order in Council of the 10th May last, Mr. Benjamin McCaul was appointed Wharfinger of the Pier at Delap's Cove, N.S., to receive as remuneration for his services 25 per centum of the amount collected.

By Order in Council of the 31st August last, Mr. Garret Hodnet was appointed Wharfinger of the Wharf at Clifton, N.B., to receive as remuneration for his services 25 per centum of the amount collected.

By Order in Council of the 5th July last, the maintenance and ordinary repairs of Harbours, Wharves, Piers and Breakwaters are to be attended to by the Department of Public Works.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE.

In Appendix No. 34 will be found the annual Report of the Meteorological Service of Canada, for the year ended 31st Dec. last, as given by the Superintendent, Mr. Carpmael, of Toronto, who was appointed to this position in February last, on the retirement, from ill-health, of Professor Kingston, who had been Superintendent of the service from its first establishment, and to whose exertions its existence was largely due. The Superintendent reports a gratifying increase in the number of volunteer observers, and a high degree of accuracy in the storm-warnings issued during the year. The number of warnings issued during the year was 889, being an increase over the number issued in 1879 of 177. The increase was owing to the larger number of stations on the lakes than formerly.

The total number of weather predictions was 5,106, and the high percentage of verification of last year, viz., 93.6, fully maintained. The number of places receiving probabilities was more than quadrupled during the past year.

Details as to the working of the service, with lists of the chief and other stations, will be found in the Superintendent's Report.

The sum of \$37,000 was appropriated by Parliament for the Meteorological Service; and by reference to Appendix No. 20 it will be seen that this amount has been expended as follows, viz.:—For salaries: Central office, \$6,630; Chief stations, \$4,900; Telegraph and drum stations, \$5,747.50. Instruments, stationery and books, \$4,009.07; Telegraphing, \$10,532.46; Expenses of stations, &c., \$1,033.05; Miscellaneous, \$3,547.91.

OBSERVATORIES.

In Appendix No. 35 will be found the Report of the Magnetic Observatory at Toronto, for the year ended 31st December last. The sum of \$4,890 was voted by