

STATEMENT of Expenditure in connection with Fisheries Protection Service, &c.—*Con.*

Service.	Amount.	Total.
<i>Schooner "Agnes Macdonald."</i>		
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Wages of officers and men	2,121 16	
Provisions	724 81	
Charter	2,137 50	
Miscellaneous expenditure	493 81	
		5,477 28
Customs steam. yacht "Argus," while employed on special services		43 70
Expenditure on account of building two new steamers		6,071 88
General account, miscellaneous expenditure		1,525 31
Fisheries intelligence bureau		2,021 32
Total		102,601 04
RECAPITULATION.		
Steamer "Acadia"	18,134 27	
do "La Canadienne"	15,143 46	
do "Stanley"	6,602 30	
do "Cruiser"	5,538 59	
do "Dream"	7,771 10	
do "Constance"	26,179 86	
do "St. Nicholas"	570 71	
do "Bayfield"	1,028 72	
Schooner "Vigilant"	6,492 54	
do "Agnes Macdonald"	5,477 28	
Steamer "Argus," special	43 70	
On account building new steamers	6,071 88	
General account	1,525 31	
Fisheries intelligence bureau	2,021 32	
Total		102,601 04
This amount will be reduced in the sum of \$2,769.29, being the share of "Cruiser" expenses paid by Customs Department		2,769 29
Net expenditure, Fisheries Protection Service		99,831 75

PURSE SEINES.

In last year's report of this department, the subject of fishing with purse seines was very fully treated, and an exhaustive résumé of the opinions of competent authorities as to its results and effects was collated, forming a valuable appendix. The injurious effects of this mode of fishing being so strongly portrayed, and almost universally admitted, the department had no option but to conclude that the future preservation of the valuable mackerel and herring fisheries of the Atlantic coast demanded its general prohibition in our waters.

Without joint action however on the part of the Governments of the United States and France, such a prohibition cannot attain all that is desired, so long as its use is continued by the fishermen of other nations. The United States Government have, however, endeavoured to minimize the danger by preventing the landing of mackerel taken with purse seines on any part of the coast of the United States before the 1st June in each year, but as by this time most of these migratory fishes have found their way to Canadian waters, outside the territorial limits in which United States fishermen are permitted to use their purse seines with impunity and freedom from restrictions, the