

In Appendix No. 36, to this Report, will be found a Report of the Agent of this Department at Charlottetown, showing the movements of the steamer from the date of the first trip, on the 9th of January, to the date of the last one, on the 20th of April. In Appendix No. 28, will be found a statement showing that the expenditure on account of construction and outfits for the last fiscal year amounted to \$60,736.79.

Appendix No. 29 shows that the expenditure on account of this vessel in maintaining winter communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland for the last fiscal year was \$17,287.63. The amount received last season for the carriage of freight and passengers was \$2,357.06. She is now running with much regularity, making three round trips every week, leaving Georgetown every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9:30 a.m., and Pictou every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 9 a.m.

It is proposed, however, to change the hours of leaving each place to 8 a.m., which will make much better connection with the Railways. At present passengers and letters from the Island for the west are delayed 22 hours at Truro, which delay will be avoided, when this change is made.

The amount expended for the construction of the "Northern Light" up to the 30th of June last, was \$60,736.79, and the sum of \$17,287.63 was expended for maintenance of the vessel during the fiscal year ended 30th June. A statement of this expenditure will be found in Appendices Nos. 26 and 27.

By reference to Appendix No. 7, it will be seen that the amount expended in the maintenance of the "Napoleon III" for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$24,593.24; of the "Druid" \$25,394.42; of the "Newfield" \$27,150.93; of the "Glendon" \$11,688.36; and, of the "Sir James Douglas" \$16,095.90, making the entire expenditure \$104,922.85, exclusive of the expenditure of the "Lady Head" employed in the Fisheries Protection Service, and the "Northern Light" expenditure.

HARBOUR AND RIVER POLICE.

A River Police Force for a number of years past has been maintained at the Ports of Montreal and Quebec, for the purpose of maintaining order among the shipping during the season of navigation, and restraining crimping. A tax of three cents per ton is imposed under the provisions of the Act, 31 Vic., cap. 62, for the maintenance of the Force, on vessels arriving at these Ports. Vessels of 100 tons and under are required to pay the tax once in each year, and vessels over 100 tons twice.

During the past season the Force at Quebec was sworn in on the 2nd of May, and disbanded as usual on the 30th of November. It consisted of the Chief Constable, who also holds the position of Shipping Master, and receives a salary of \$1,200 per