

east coast of Vancouver Island and the west coast of the mainland continuing across to Queen Charlotte Island and Prince Rupert, viz.:

Eighty-one light stations with keepers, twenty-three of which have fog alarm machinery, fifty-nine being on the coast and the remainder on inland waters, such as the Arrow Lakes, Kootenay and Okanagan Lakes.

Sixty-nine unwatched acetylene lights on buoys and beacons.

Three submarine bells.

One lightship.

Two hundred and forty other aids unlighted, such as bell buoys, marking buoys and day beacons.

Three life saving stations on the west coast with crew and life-boats, two of which are equipped with gasoline motor engines and the other with oars.

The Government of Canada has established radio-telegraph stations at the following points, viz.:

Victoria.

Estevan Point at the south entrance to Nootka Sound.

Triangle Island lying twenty miles west off Cape Scott at the north end of Vancouver Island.

Point Grey, Vancouver, on the mainland.

Queen Charlotte Islands.

Prince Rupert.

Thus bringing into touch by wireless with each other the most important and the most exposed places on the coast. Where possible the lighthouses are connected with the Government telegraph service.

From the foregoing it will be observed that the Dominion Government has recognized with foresight, promptness and skill the increasing demands of shipping, by the amelioration of the difficulties attending the navigation of the coast, by improving the old aids and adding to the numbers new ones year by year. This is most noticeable since the year 1900. The Department of Marine has a uniform system of buoys and beacons in harbours and channels, following a system based on that adopted by the Washington Marine Conference in 1899.

It must be gratifying to the officers of the Department of Marine to know that the navigators of American vessels plying in the coast waters of British Columbia have repeatedly commented on the very satisfactory service and high quality of the lights on the coast of British Columbia, provided and established by the Department of Marine, comparing them to the disadvantage of those on their own coast.