

interested, to the Trinity Houses at Montréal and Quebec. At night the figures are seen by the aid of a highly illuminated lamp.

The number of pilots for the district between Quebec and Montreal, on the active list under the supervision of the Trinity House, Montreal, at the close of last fiscal year, was 34. None were struck off the active list, but 3 died during the last calendar year. The number of new pilots who were admitted during the last calendar year was 5, and one old pilot, who had been suspended, was reinstated. The amount voted by Parliament for this branch of the public service for the year ended 30th June last was \$22,464, and the expenditure, \$22,453 52, leaving an unexpended balance of the vote of \$10 48.

TRINITY HOUSE, QUEBEC.

In my last annual report, allusion was made to the change which it was then contemplated should be carried out under the Order in Council dated 11th February, 1870, with reference to this corporation. The change referred to was completed on the 1st March last, when the agent of this Department at Quebec, assumed the charge under the direction of the head office of all Lighthouses, Buoys and Beacons, formerly managed by the Trinity House of Quebec, and the new arrangement has been found to work remarkably well, as this Department has much better facilities for visiting and supplying the lights than the Trinity House could have, as the steamers are under the control of the Department, and their duties cannot be advantageously separated from the management of the existing lights and the construction of the new lighthouses and steam fog whistles. The General Superintendent of Lighthouses attached to the head office, who is also a practical engineer, has opportunities now afforded him of visiting the lights and suggesting and carrying out improvements while engaged in superintending the construction of the new works, which he could not have while the lights were under the management of another body with which he had no connection. The establishment of Steam Fog Whistles in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, requires engineering supervision, which the Department is now enabled to give under this new arrangement at a very trifling expense, as the general superintendent avails himself while in the neighbourhood of the steam fog whistles of every opportunity of visiting them and reporting as to their efficiency.

The staff of the Trinity House having been very much reduced, and an office provided for them in the new Custom House, thereby saving rent: the expenses of this body, which are defrayed by the Dominion Government, have been also considerably reduced. There are still seven salaried officers retained in connection with this body, the salaries of whom amount to \$7,095, viz: the Master, Harbor Master, Superintendent of Pilots, Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, who acts as Clerk to Harbor Master, the Assistant to the Harbor Master, and the Messenger. Their duties are chiefly to attend to all matters relating to pilotage connected with the lower St. Lawrence, Harbor Master's duties, and other minor matters relating to shipping. The amount expended for salaries and contingencies of the Trinity House, Quebec, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1871, including rent, taxes, and stationery, furnished by the stationery office, Ottawa,