

These improvements have cost money, and a good deal of it, but it is a fact that, outside of piecemeal criticism as respects supplies, very little real objection has been offered in Parliament by the Conservatives to the additional expenditures that have been incurred.

Under the two heads, Ocean and River Services and Lighthouse and Coast Services, the expenditure increased from \$680,995, in 1895, to \$1,381,280 in 1903, or an increase of \$700,285. Of this increase, \$305,165 represents an extra expenditure for the construction of Lighthouses. The money spent for this purpose in 1895 was only \$12,219. The salaries and allowances of Lighthouse Keepers increased by nearly \$22,000, due chiefly to the increase in the number of Lighthouses. Maintenance and repairs to Lighthouses also cost \$64,250 more. Last year \$80,000 were expended towards the construction and equipment of a steel Light-ship, made in Canada, for Lurchers Shoals, a most dangerous place for navigation. Over \$100,000 more expense was incurred last year for Dominion steamers. In recent years our fleet has been added to by three first-class large vessels, and a number of small ones. The sum of \$90,465 was spent last year in payment of the balance of the contract for a new steamer to replace the "Newfield."

Rewards for life saving were increased from \$6,591 in 1895 to \$9,306 in 1903. Salaries of necessary extra temporary officials at Ottawa amounted to about \$7,000, and \$5,273 were expended in connection with Montreal Pilots' Commission Court, and Montreal Dry Docks Commission. Tidal Services cost \$3,012 more, and Cattle Shipments Inspection (a new service) cost \$3,026. Minor services account for the balance of the increase.

For the *Fisheries* the expenditure in 1895 was \$443,822, as compared with \$527,829 last year. An increase last year of \$84,007. Of this increase \$37,610 represents increased expenditure for Fish Breeding, very special attention having been devoted to this branch of the work. \$11,331 was expended for cold storage for bait for the deep sea fisherman, a new and admirable service instituted by the Liberals, which has been very much appreciated by the fishermen of the Maritime Provinces. The sum of \$23,695 was paid as the balance for a patrol vessel in the waters of British Columbia for the protection of the Fisheries. This is another new service. The balance of the increase is accounted for by legitimate increased expense for Fishery Overseers, and Inspectors, and vessels.