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 APPENDIX No. 2.
 

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 REPORT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
 MARINE AND FISHERIES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED THE  
 30TH JUNE, 1878.
 

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 AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,  
 ST. JOHN, N.B., 1st September, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward the following statement of the operations of this branch of the Department, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1878, making the eleventh Annual Report, together with a supplementary statement to the present date.

It affords me much pleasure to state that though the expenditure during the past year was reduced to the lowest amount practicable to the proper maintenance of the lighthouse service on this coast, and with a due regard to the protection of human life and property, yet I would beg to state, as the result of my observations on a recent visit of inspection, that although the lighthouses apparently have not suffered material injury, there are several that are suffering from the ravages of time, and the constant wear of winds and waves, some of which were erected many years ago by the Government of New Brunswick, prior to the service passing into the hands of the Dominion Government. Many of them are very high towers, presenting a large extent of surface to the weather, and receive the full force and fury of storms, such structures require the greatest care and watchfulness on the part of those whose duty it is to attend to their supervision.

Under the respective headings will be found the particulars of the condition of each station, and the amount of repairs necessary for their maintenance. The total number of lights, under the supervision of this branch of the Department is 67, and the total amount of expenditure during the fiscal year was \$77,437.82, divided as follows :—

Lighthouse and Coast Service.....	\$51,490 72
Buoys and Beacons .....	4,823 53
Construction .....	9,528 13
Observatory.....	850 00
Marine Hospitals.....	10,745 44
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	\$77,437 82

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## LIGHTHOUSE AND COAST SERVICE.

The district over which the Agency has supervision embraces all the lighthouse stations on the coast of the Province of New Brunswick, the River St. John, Straits of Northumberland, and Baie Des Chaleurs, all the buoys and beacons, fog whistles, hospitals, and temporary lodgings for sick and distressed seamen who may be landed on our shores; all fog-whistles and lighthouses now in course of construction, together with the various accounts connected with the above works, and the accounts of the fishery branch.