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A statement of the movements of this steamer from the 1st of October, 1876, to the 16th of July, 1877, will also be found in the Report of the Agent.

The steamship "Lady Head," under the direction of Commander Lavoie, was employed during the last season as an armed cruiser, for the protection of the Fisheries, and in collecting information and procuring witnesses until the month of November, when she was sent to Halifax to attend the required winter service at that place in the absence of the "Newfield."

The steamship "Newfield" has been busily engaged during the past season in the supplying of the lights in Nova Scotia, and the lights in New Brunswick, situated in the Bay of Fundy. She also supplied with coal the steam fog-whistles at Point Escuminac, New Brunswick, and Etang du Nord, Magdalen Islands, and Cape Gaspé, in the Quebec division, and delivered a quantity of coal at Gaspé. A detailed account of the movements of this steamer from the 20th of November, 1876, to the 6th November, 1877, will be found appended to the Report of the Agent of this Department at Halifax. It has been found advisable to employ the "Newfield" to carry to Havre the goods for the Paris Exhibition, and she sailed from Halifax on this service on the 17th December, under the command of Captain J. N. Purdy, and arrived at Havre on the 30th December, 1877, making the voyage in 13 days, during which she had to lay to for part of two days.

The steamer "Glendon" has been stationed at Halifax, and during the past year has been employed in attending to the important buoy service in that harbour, and supplying the Sambro Island fog-whistle station and other lighthouse stations in the Nova Scotia Division. An account of her movements will also be found with the Report of the agent at Halifax.

The steamer "Sir James Douglas," employed in British Columbia, has, as usual, during the past year, attended to the light and buoy service in that Province, and also conveyed survey parties of the Canada Pacific Railway to various stations on the coast. An account of her movements for the fiscal year ended 30th of June last, will be found with the Report of the Agent of this Department at Victoria.

The steamer "Richelieu," as stated in last Report, has been temporarily transferred to the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, and is not a charge upon the Government for maintenance.

The steamer "Northern Light" is employed in maintaining communication during the winter season between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. This vessel as stated in the Report of last year, was built especially for this service, and during the last winter performed the service satisfactorily, though the difficulties encountered were of a very formidable description.

It was deemed advisable at the close of the season last spring, to make extensive repairs and alterations which were found necessary after the winter's work.