

## OIL.

The supply of oil for the lighthouses was purchased of Messrs. Fitzgerald; the number of gallons was 12,212, costing \$2,931.00. The quality is reported good by the keepers at the different stations. It is put up in good casks, and in every respect appears to be manufactured with care, and has the standard mark branded upon each cask, with its contents.

## OBSERVATORY, ST. JOHN, N. B.

The Observatory at this port is under charge of Mr. George Hutchinson, and the Signal Station under Mr. J. B. Longley. The Anchor Line warehouse has been used for this purpose during the past year. It was found that this position afforded better accommodation than at the warehouse of Messrs. Small & Hatheway. The Messrs. Scammell were kind enough to grant to the Department the privilege of using that building during their term, and also to allow their offices in that building to be occupied by Mr. Longley, in common, for which accommodation, so generously granted, the Department is indebted to the Messrs. Scammell, and, though they have made no formal charge, yet the Department having enjoyed the privilege for which they paid rent to the corporation, some remuneration at least should be tendered to Messrs. Scammell for the accommodation afforded for the public service. I am now informed that the building is now in the hands of the city corporation, and on learning this, I requested His Worship the Mayor to inform me what charge they intend making for the privilege afforded, to which I have not yet received any reply. It was expected that a signal staff and accommodation for Mr. Longley would have been provided on the building belonging to Mr. Davidson; this, however, has not been done, as there is some difficulty in securing the signal staff on the flat roof of this building, and as the other position is a more open and convenient one, it has been allowed to continue there up to the present time. I beg to append Mr. Longley's Report, ending the 20th September, 1878:—

ST. JOHN, N.B., 20th September, 1878.

SIR,—In making my annual report for the year ending 20th September, 1878, you will notice a large falling off in the number of vessels and tonnage compared with last year.

	Tonnage.
8 Steamers.....	4,729
71 Ships.....	89,613
142 Barques.....	64,260
4 Barkentines.....	1,245
15 Brigs.....	4,705
98 Brigantines.....	24,656
26 Schooners, three-masted.....	5,988
Total.....	195,195

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOHN B. LONGLEY.

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## ST. JOHN RIVER LIGHTS.

The following are the light stations in the St. John River district, situated at the following places:—Green Head, Mr. J. Williams, Keeper; Sand Point, Mr. James