

REPORT
OF THE
DEPUTY MINISTER.

The Honourable J. C. POPE,

Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the transactions of this Department for the fiscal year ended 30th June 1879, and to give an account of a considerable portion of the business up to the end of the calendar year.

The financial statements of the Department, given in the Appendices to this Report, are made up to the 30th June last, as required by law, but the Report, more particularly on the Lighthouse Service, contains an account of the operations of the Department to the close of the calendar year. As complaints were made at the last Session of Parliament, that the Report was unnecessarily large, it has been deemed advisable to curtail it by omitting altogether the reports of the different Agents of the Department on the Lighthouse and other services under their charge, and to issue only two supplements this year, viz. :—One comprising the Report of the Chairman of the Board of Steamboat Inspection, the Report of the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Masters and Mates, Statements of Wrecks and Casualties and of Rewards for Saving Life, Reports of the Harbour Commissioners of Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Pictou, Harbour Masters' Reports, Shipping Masters' Reports, Reports of Port Wardens, Pilotage Authorities and Reports of the Water and River Police of Montreal and Quebec; and another, embracing the Fisheries Reports.

The total amount expended on the various branches of the Public Service administered by this Department, including the salaries of the Establishment Staff, during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$852,678 87, while the total amount voted was \$913,879, which also includes the Departmental salaries.

The total number of persons engaged in the Outside Service of the Department at the close of the calendar year was 1,730.