
FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES.

FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1871.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable John, Baron Lisgar, of Lisgar and Baillieborough, in the County of Cavan, Ireland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and a Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor General of Canada, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Prince Edward, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

I have the honor to submit herewith, for the information of Your Excellency and the Legislature of Canada, the Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and the financial statements connected therewith, for the fiscal year ended 30th June last.

This Report, although referring principally to the operations of the Department for the fiscal year, and the expenditure in connection therewith, will also contain a report of the operations of the Department for the calendar year which ended yesterday, but the account of expenditures made for any works or services since the 1st July last will appear in the financial statements of the Department for the current fiscal year ending 30th June next.

The business of this Department has much increased since its first formation in 1867, not only on account of the addition of British Columbia to the Confederation, but also on account of the addition of several important branches of the public service, the administration of which has devolved on this Department, such as the construction of the works