## BUILDINGS AND PREMISES.

No pecuniary provision was ever made for keeping the residences of the staff in repair; and, although a small part of the income of the Observatory has occasionally been applied to save the buildings from ruin, it is quite inadequate to keep them in a condition compatible with the health and comfort of the occupants, or the ultimate safety of the buildings themselves.

Your attention to this matter is respectfully solicited.

'The expenses of the establishment for the fiscal year ending June, 1877, of which I enclose a summary, amounted in all to \$4,801.74.

The above is respectfully submitted.

G. T. KINGSTON,

Director.

To the Honorable

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries.