

Comparative Statement of Total Expenditure for the Fiscal Years 1896 and 1903.

1896	1903
Ocean and River service \$181,451.71	Ocean and River service \$415,688.08
Lighthouse and Coast " 466,057.55	Lighthouse and Coast " 968,697.76
Scientific Institutions... 81,699.92	Scientific Institutions... 125,155.79
Marine Hospitals..... 36,683.36	Marine Hospitals, 48,822.99
Steamboat Inspection.. 26,321.27	Steamboat Inspection.. 32,143.90
Civil Govern. Salaries.. 70,703.71	Civil Govern. Salaries.. 74,050.00
Total.....\$862,917.52	Total.....\$1,664,558.52

It will be observed that the largest increase in expenditure is in connection with Ocean and River Service, and Lighthouse and Coast Service of Canada, caused by the corresponding increase of lighthouses, fog-alarms, steamers and buoys and the general expansion and effectiveness of the service.

The following statement in detail, conveys some idea of the great attention given in recent years, to the several branches of this service and the cost involved.

Comparative Statement of Expenditure for Lighthouse and Coast Service for the Years 1896 and 1903.

1896	1903
Salaries & allowances of Lightkeepers.. \$199,348.61	Salaries & allowances of Lightkeepers.. \$222,879.38
Maintenance & repairs to lights..... 225,691.07	Maintenance & repairs to lights..... 305,632.20
Construction of lights 17,662.28	Construction of lights. 405,342.42
Agencies, rents and contingencies.... 15,372.14	Agencies, rents and contingencies 19,366.14
Signal service..... 5,338.76	Signal service..... 6,895.75
Repairs to wharves.. 2,644.69	Repairs to wharves.... 1,735.91
	Salaries of temporary Officials..... 6,845.96
Total.....\$466,057.55	Total.....\$968,697.76

The total cost of maintenance of Lighthouse and Coast Service in 1896 was \$448,395.27, and construction of lights \$17,662.28, total in 1896 \$466,057.55; and for the year 1903,