

required for next season. The oil furnished last season was delivered at Halifax and St. John at a cost of 27 cents per gallon, wine measure, at Quebec at a cost of 26 cents, at Montreal at a cost of 25½ cents, and at Hamilton and Goderich at a cost of 24½ cents, the charges being paid by the contractors. The oil supplied was required to be double-distilled standard white extra refined, and to be non-explosive at a vapour test of 125 degrees Fahrenheit, and to have a specific gravity of between 44 and 48 degrees Baume, at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and to burn brilliantly without crusting or discolouring the wick. The quantity of oil supplied to the lighthouses above Montreal during the past season amounted to 19,907 gallons; to the lights in the Quebec District, and on the north shore of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island was 24,711 gallons; to the lights in the Bay of Fundy 21,081 gallons, and to the Nova Scotia lights 15,562 gallons, making in all 111,261 gallons.

9,195 gallons of this quantity supplied for New Brunswick lights in the Bay of Fundy was to replace oil consumed on the occasion of the great fire in St. John in June last.

DOMINION STEAMERS.

The steamers under the control of this Department consist of the screw steamer "Napoleon III," the "Lady Head," screw, the "Druid," paddle-wheel, the "Newfield," screw, the "Glendon," screw, the "Richelieu," paddle-wheel, the "Sir James Douglas," screw, and two small steam launches "Dolphin" and "Adele," employed in connection with the River Police at Quebec, and for preserving order amongst the shipping under the regulations of the Harbour Commissioners.

By reference to the Report of the Agent at Quebec it will be seen that the steamship "Napoleon III" has been employed during the past season in supplying the light stations on the north shore of the River St. Lawrence, in the Gulf and in the Straits of Belle Isle, the north shore of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. During the past season two trips were made to all the stations in the Gulf excepting those in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

A statement of the movements of this steamer, from the 25th of September, 1876 to the 3rd of August, 1877, will be found with the Report of the Agent.

The steamship "Druid" has been employed during the past season in supplying the lighthouses, &c., from Pointe des Monts to Montreal, and in laying down, taking up and keeping in position the large number of buoys below Quebec. She was also employed during a portion of the season in conveying His Excellency the Governor General and Suite to the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and also in collecting information and procuring witnesses in connection with the Fisheries Commission then being held at Halifax.