

TRINITY HOUSE, MONTREAL.

	1866-7.	1867-8.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Salaries of General Staff	3,247 67	3,067 06
Contingencies of do	1,864 46	983 11
Harbor Sorel.....	227 65	1,339 44
Superintendence of Pilots.....	1,300 00	1,200 00
Total Salaries and Contingencies.....	6,639 78	6,599 61
Light Houses Maintenance	11,487 81	9,712 01
Do new	3,692 49	3,514 70
Maintenance of Steamer.....	5,133 42	6,170 44
Total.....	26,953 50	25,986 76
Receipts.....	13 00	Nil.

Should any such change be made as that above suggested, it would appear necessary to make considerable modifications in the management of harbors and pilotage in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick also; keeping the same principle in view, that each port should bear its own expenses out of local dues, excepting for such general superintendence as may be necessary. In the smaller ports, the management of the harbors and pilots may probably be left as at present to the Sessions, or at least the local boards may be nominated by them, to carry out a uniform system; but at a large port like St. John, it appears very unadvisable that the whole management of the harbor, including the examination and licensing of pilots, should be left in the hands of the corporation alone. The Corporation being appointed by the whole population of the city, can hardly be expected to give sufficient attention to the interests of the port and shipping, which, however important they may be to the real prosperity of the whole city, more particularly affect the merchants and ship-owners, who as a class should have a preponderating influence in framing and carrying out the regulations of the port. Serious complaints have been made to the Department upon this subject, and a memorial, influentially signed, is now under its consideration.

OUTSIDE SERVICE OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

This Outside Service consists of—

1. Postmasters and Assistants at Country Post Offices.
2. Postmasters, Clerks, Letter Carriers, &c., at City Post Offices.
3. Railway Mail Clerks.
4. Foreign Mail Service.
5. Inspectors and Clerks in their Offices.
6. Ocean Mail Clerks serving in the Steamships.

CITY POST OFFICES.

There are 3,620 Post Offices of this class now in operation in the Dominion, each having a Postmaster, and one or more sworn Assistants, as required.

The Assistants act entirely under the responsibility of their Postmasters, and the Department takes no cognizance of them, further than to hold the Postmasters accountable that they are persons of good character, and fit to be entrusted with Post Office duties.

All Postmasters give bonds, with two sureties, varying in amount at these Offices from \$50, at the small Way Post Offices of Nova Scotia, to \$2,000 or \$3,000, at Offices where the business is large; the ordinary amount where there is neither Money Order nor Savings Bank business is \$800.