

expense to prevent the further inroads of the sea. The tower also was much injured, by which further expenditure was necessary, the conditions on which the tower is held being that the Province should keep the part connected with the light house in repair. At Pictou light house, the beach having been washed away by the sea, considerable work to prevent further damage was necessary, which work has been done during the past season."—*From Report of Chairman of Board of Works.*

Light Duties.

Vessels registered in the Province shall pay six pence per ton to the Collectors of Colonial Duties, or other persons appointed, who shall deliver to the master a certificate thereof, which shall exempt the vessel from further payment until the first day of April then next, such vessel not to be cleared at the custom house without producing the certificate. New vessels leaving the Province first voyage, intended for sale, exempted from duty; and new vessels cleared on first voyage, after first September, exempted from further payment of duty until first of April next following, on payment of one-half of above duty.

Other vessels arriving in the Province, shall pay, on entry, as before provided, six pence per ton, and receive a certificate exempting them from further payment until first day of April then next.

Vessels passing through the Straits of Canso, without said certificate, shall pay six pence per ton, and a certificate shall be granted which shall exempt them from further payment, as above.

Vessels or Steamers in the employ of Her Majesty's Government, exempt. Steamers not belonging to Her Majesty, carrying mails, to pay duty.

The person receiving duty shall pay it into the Provincial Treasury, deducting 5 per cent. for commissions.

Penalty for refusing to pay, or departing without pay, five pounds—to be recovered, with the duties, in the name of the officer.

The duty not being paid when duly demanded, the officer is empowered to seize and detain the vessel until said penalty be paid.

The net increase of Light Duties collected in the ports of this Province in 1853, was 365*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* Amherst, Annapolis, Arichat, Barrington, Beaver River, Cape Canso, (two collectors,) Cornwallis, Joggins Mines, Parrsborough, Pictou, Port Hood, Pugwash, Sheet Harbor, Ship Harbor, St. Mary's, Tatamagouche, Wilmot, were minus 451*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* Halifax, Advocate Harbor, Antigonish, Bridgetown, Canso Strait, Church Point, Clements Port, Digby, Guysborough, Hantsport, LaHave, Liverpool, Londonderry, Lunenburg, Maitland, Port Medway, Pubnico, Ragged Islands, Sandy Cove, Shelburne, St. Ann's and Great Bras d'Or, Sydney, North Sydney, Tusket and Wilmot, gave an increase of £816 13*s.* 2*d.*

Province Notes

In circulation on the 25th February, 1854, amounted to £59,000.

Accounts in the several Provincial Departments are kept in Halifax Currency. At the Custom House and Military Secretary's Office they are kept in Sterling.