

Buoy Service on the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay, Canada.

There are 4 gas buoys and 5 bell buoys on the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay and a large number of wooden buoys.

Total Number of Buoys in the Waters of the Dominion of Canada.

The total number of buoys in the harbours, bays, rivers and lakes is about 3,700 made up as follows ;—

Steel buoys 315

Gas buoys. 68

Wooden buoys 3,325

More important than merely the increase in the number of wooden buoys, is the increase in localities or harbours buoyed. The harbours and districts in the Dominion now buoyed number about 330, an increase since the year 1896, of 50 districts.

Ocean and River Service.

The foregoing particulars relate to improvements in Light-house and Coast Service, but an equally remarkable increase in expenditure and efficiency in Ocean and River Service has taken place. The lighthouses and fog-alarms require periodical delivery of illuminants, coal and other supplies, and the Coast and St. Lawrence River buoys constant attention and renewing. Additional steamers have been built and others purchased, to effectively meet the requirements of the various branches of the service. Although all the steamers are not classed under Ocean and River Service, yet for convenience the steamers added to the fleet of Dominion steamers under the control of the Marine and Fisheries Department, is given in the following statement: The "Lady Laurier" was built to replace the "Newfield" which was wrecked on the coast of Nova Scotia. This steamer is equipped with the newest and most improved cable-laying and lifting gear, and will be used when necessary for cable work between Halifax and the Magdalen Islands.