
 APPENDIX No. 1

 REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES AT QUEBEC, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1878.

To the Hon. Sir A. J. SMITH, K.C.M.G.,
 Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
 Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit the Eleventh Annual Report of this Agency for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1878.

Under their respective headings, I shall lay before you the details connected with the several services under my supervision, comprising:

- The Government vessels;
- The maintenance of Lighthouses, Buoys, Beacons, Humane Establishments, Fog Signals and Lightships, below Quebec;
- The maintenance of Lighthouses and Lightships above Quebec, as far as Montreal Harbour, including eight Lighthouses on the Richelieu River, at the outlet of Lake Champlain;
- The construction of new Lighthouses;
- The Quebec River Police Force;
- The shipment of Mariners;
- Investigations into and reporting upon the causes of shipwrecks and casualties at sea and in the river;
- The protection of the Fisheries and Fish-Breeding Establishments, &c., &c.,
- The Government Steamers stationed at Quebec, and performing duties in this district, consist of Steamships "Napoleon III," "Druid," and "Lady Head," and steam-launches "Dolphin" and "Wannonish."

The steamship "Napoleon III," under the command of Captain A. Despres, is a powerful iron steamer, built in 1856 by Messrs. R. Napier & Sons, Glasgow, Scotland, and is 300 nominal horse-power, but can be worked up to 700. She was of 494 tons gross measurement, and carried about 2,000 barrels, but her carrying capacity has been largely increased, by the addition of a fore and-aft spar deck, to about 4,000 barrels. She has a powder magazine capable of carrying 15,000 lbs. of powder, and which can be completely flooded with water in case of fire on board. The entire carrying capacity is employed every trip in taking down supplies and provisions to the lower portions of my district, commencing at Point des Monts, North shore of River St. Lawrence, taking in Labrador, Island of Anticosti, Straits of Belle Isle, North shore of Newfoundland, Baie des Chaleurs, Magdalen Islands, North shore of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and requires two trips, one in the spring, and the other in the fall, to meet the demands of this extensive and important district. Captain Despres has shown praiseworthy caution and promptitude in the sailing of this steamer, while supplying the many dangerous points, and Mr. Wm. Barbour, the Chief Engineer of this Agency has fulfilled the duties of inspecting and keeping the lights and machinery connected with the many revolving lights and fog alarms in order in a very creditable manner.

The steamship "Druid," Captain A. Marmen, is a side-paddle-wheel steamer, built of iron in 1856 by Messrs. Todd & McGregor, of Glasgow, is 170 horse-power, and carries about 1,000 barrels. She is adapted for and well employed in supplying lighthouses, lightships and fog-alarms from Point des Monts to Montreal, and in