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The Honourable A. J. SMITH,  
*Minister of Marine and Fisheries :*

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the transactions of this Department for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1877, and to give an account of a considerable proportion of the business up to the end of the calendar year.

As required by law, the financial statements of the Department, given in the Appendices to this Report, are made up to the 30th June last, but the Report, more particularly on the Lighthouse service, contains an account of the operations of this Department to the close of the calendar year. Five supplements will be issued with this Report, the first being a List of Lights in the Dominion on the 31st December last; the second embracing a Report of the Chairman of the Board of Steamboat Inspection for the calendar year, with a list of steamers inspected in 1877, and a list of Engineers who have received certificates; a Report of the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Masters and Mates for the calendar year, with a brief list of all Masters and Mates who have received certificates of competency or service in the Dominion during the calendar year, and a complete list of all certificates which have been cancelled; statements of the wrecks and casualties, both to sea-going and to inland vessels, during the calendar year; and statements of rewards for saving life; the third supplement containing the reports of the Harbour Commissioners of Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Pictou; the Harbour Masters' Reports; the Shipping Masters' Reports; the Port Wardens' Reports; the Reports of the Pilotage Authorities, and the Reports of the Water and River Police of Montreal and Quebec; the third supplement containing the Reports of the Meteorological Office, the Magnetic Observatory and the other Observatories of the Dominion; the fourth containing a list of vessels on the registry at 31st December last; and the fifth embracing the Fisheries Reports.

The total amount expended on the various branches of the Public Service administered by this Department, including the salaries of the Establishment staff, during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$935,875.31, while the total amount voted was \$895,217.50, which also includes the Departmental salaries.