## APPENDIX No. 48.

## REPORT OF THE PORT WARDEN AT BATHURST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

Port of Bathurst, Dominion of Canada, 29th September, 1897.

By request of Captain Dexter of the British ship "Austria," 1,773 tons, registered at the Port of Windsor, Nova Scotia, we, the undersigned, William Muirhead, Port Warden of Chatham, N.B., James Gooden, master mariner, and Samuel White, shipwright, proceeded on board said ship for the purpose of holding survey.

We sounded the pumps and found only about one inch of water in the well.

The said ship is well found in every particular, spars, rigging, sails, &c.

We made a thorough examination and consider the vessel seaworthy and in every way fitted to proceed on her voyage to port of destination.

> WILLIAM MUIRHEAD Port Warden.

JAMES GODIN, Master Mariner.

SAMUEL WHITE, Shipwright.

Fees, \$20.