
and important Buoy Service below Quebec. This vessel was also employed for nearly two months last season in the service of His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, at an estimated cost amounting to \$6,552.88.

The steamer "Newfield" has been busily engaged during the past season supplying the extensive Lighthouse and Fog-Whistle service in the Nova Scotia Division, and also the Lights and Fog-Whistles in the New Brunswick Division, situated in the Bay of Fundy. She also made a trip in the latter part of the season to Quebec with a cargo of coal, leaving a portion of it at Gaspé on her way up.

The steamer "Glendon" has been employed during the past year, as formerly, in attending to the Halifax Buoy service, supplying coal to Sambro' Island Fog-Whistle, and in conveying supplies to Lighthouses and Fog-Whistles east and west of Halifax, and attending to Buoy service on different parts of the coast.

The steamer "Sir James Douglas," employed in British Columbia, has attended during the past season to the Lighthouse and Buoy service in that Province. She was also employed on several occasions on Telegraph service in connection with the repairs to the submarine cable between the islands of the San Juan group, and in the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails to Port Townsend.

The winter steamer "Northern Light," employed for the purpose of maintaining communication between P. E. Island and the mainland during the winter season, commenced to ply between Georgetown and Pictou on the 23rd December 1878, and made daily trips successfully till the 15th January, when, owing to the packing of the ice in the Straits, she was unable to reach Pictou, and could only make trips occasionally. An effort was made to keep up communication by sending the vessel to Wallace Harbour, and an attempt was made on the 6th [February to reach that place, but it proved unsuccessful, and the vessel returned to Georgetown on the 11th February. On the 13th February trips to Pictou were resumed, but on the 23rd of that month the vessel got into very heavy ice, and in working her way out broke the outer bearing of the shaft, which disabled her from any further service until repaired. During the summer the damage has been repaired, and the steamer put in good condition for service during the present winter.

The earning of the "Northern Light" during the short period she ran amounted to \$1,035.25, which does not include anything for carrying the mails; and the cost of repairs and improvements, together with running expenses for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, amounted to \$16,333.05, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 9.

The amount expended during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, as will be seen by reference to Appendix 9, for the maintenance of "Napoleon III," was