

*The total number of buoys maintained between Montreal and Quebec in round numbers is 250.*

They are placed in the Spring and taken up in the Fall.

CHANGES BETWEEN Quebec and Portneuf since 1896. Eleven spar buoys added.

“ “ Portneuf and Montreal. Ten conical buoys substituted for can buoys.

“ “ Lake St. Peter and Varennes. Eight can buoys substituted for conical buoys.

“ “ St. Augustin and Pointe aux Trembles. Five can buoys substituted for spar buoys.

“ “ St. Augustin and Portneuf. Three can buoys substituted for spar buoys.

“ “ Quebec and Platon. Fourteen can and conical buoys substituted for spar buoys. The can and conical buoys above mentioned are all steel, the conical painted red are starboard buoys and the can painted black are port hand buoys, according to the rules of the Department.

#### Gas Buoys added in 1903

Owing to the introduction of acetylene gas by the Department, a large number of gas buoys were put in position in November last; the total number now between Montreal and Lake St. Peter is 16, but 12 of these were placed between Montreal and Sorel, for the benefit of the late arrivals among ocean going steamers. The advantage of these gas buoys has been said to be twofold, the steamers are enabled to proceed at night as well as during the day, going to and from Montreal without any unnecessary stoppage, during the autumn navigation.