

attention of the new Council to the question of enlarging and improving our Harbor facilities, and that they be asked to prepare a well defined scheme towards the accomplishment of the work.

**Telegraphs.** The urgency of an alternative line to connect with the United States systems has been kept before the Dominion Government; and the numerous complaints of the public have formed the subject of a correspondence with the Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's system, but the service cannot be said to be entirely satisfactory.

In response to a request by the Board, the wiring of information to some central place in this city, as to vessels and state of weather, day by day, at Bonilla Point, at the entrance of the Straits of Fuca, is under the consideration of the Superintendent of the Government Telegraph service; and if the Board's suggestion is acted upon, the service will prove of great value to our Shipping and Mercantile interests.

**Lights, Beacons and Buoys.** The question of lighting and buoying the northern section of the coast line of the Province has at last received the attention of the Government; your President having brought the matter very prominently before the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in a lengthened correspondence extending over several months. The urgency of the question having been duly recognized, Mr. Anderson, an Engineer officer from the Department, was sent out, and the Board was afforded opportunities for conferring with him very fully upon the different matters which, in the Board's opinion, required to be dealt with. Mr. Anderson's courtesy and attention were duly appreciated, and your Committee are pleased to record that the officer in question subsequently visited various sections of the coast, and has doubtless reported to the Government on the result of his enquiries, and also upon the requests of the Board. In the meantime several buoys and two beacons have been placed, in accordance with the Board's recommendations. Fraser River navigation and Vancouver Harbor have also received attention from the Government officer sent out to report thereon.