

Before proceeding with the details of my Report I may briefly enumerate the different branches of the public service administered by the Department over which I have the honour to preside :—

1. The maintenance of lighthouses, lightships, steam fog whistles, buoys and beacons.
2. The construction of such of the new lighthouses and piers in connection therewith steam fog whistles, light vessels, &c., as may be directed by the Governor in Council.
3. Supervision of Trinity Houses, and pilotage.
4. The steamers belonging to the Dominion not employed for warlike or defensive purposes.
5. The river and harbour police.
6. Humane establishments for shipwrecked mariners, marine hospitals, and care of sick and distressed seamen, and shipwrecked crews.
7. The working and supervision of the Acts for the inspection of steamboats, and the Board of Steamboat Inspectors.
8. Certificates of competency and service to masters and mates.
9. Wreck returns and investigation into wrecks.
10. Rewards for saving life at sea.
11. Meteorological observations, observatories and time balls.
12. Shipping masters and their offices.
13. Subsidies to steamers not coming under the administration of the Post Office Department.
14. Supervision of funds collected for improvement to harbours.
15. Supervision of Harbour Commissioners, and Harbour Masters appointed by the Dominion Government.
16. Administration of the fishery laws.
17. Establishment and control of numerous agencies in the several Provinces for local supervision and protection of the deep sea, estuary, river and lake fisheries.
18. Leasing and licensing fishery privileges.
19. Regulation and preservation of the sea coast and inland fisheries.
20. Improvement of streams, and restoring waters to their natural productiveness.
21. Cultivation of fish by artificial means.
22. Marine police, and guarding inshore fisheries against foreigners; enforcement of treaty stipulations regarding fisheries with Americans, and generally all matters relating to the marine interests of the Dominion, not included in the foregoing list, and not administered by any other Department.

The total amount expended by this Department on the various branches of the public service administered by it during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$642,591.08, while the amount voted was \$698,516.65. The total number of persons on the outside staff of the Department during last year was 1,035.

I will now proceed to report on the construction of new lights of the Dominion and the maintenance of the lights hitherto established.