
REPORT
OF THE
DEPUTY MINISTER.

To the Honourable
GEORGE E. FOSTER,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the transactions of this Department for the fiscal year ended the 30th June last, and to give an account of a considerable portion of the business up to 31st December, 1887.

One supplement will be issued with this report, comprising the reports of the Chairmen of the Boards of Steamboat Inspection, and of Examiners of Masters and Mates; the reports of the Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Pictou Harbour Commissioners, the Pilotage Authorities, the Harbour Masters, the Port Wardens and the Harbour Police of Montreal and Quebec, together with statements of wrecks and casualties, and list of rewards for saving life.

The total amount expended on the various branches of the public service administered by this Department, including the salaries of the establishment staff, during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$937,051.96 while the total amount voted was \$989,722.50, which last named amount includes the departmental salaries.

The whole number of persons engaged in the outside service of the Department at the close of the calendar year was 1460.

The lighthouse service of the Dominion is divided as follows, viz. :—The Ontario Division, embracing lights above Montreal; the Quebec Division, extending below Montreal, and including the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence; the Nova Scotia Division; the New Brunswick Division; the Prince Edward Island Division, and the British Columbia Division. The total number of light stations in the Dominion on the 31st December last was 561, and of lights shown 658; the number of steam fog-whistles and automatic fog-horns 47, and the number of light-keepers, engineers of fog-whistles and other assistants, with crews of lightships was 711.

The following is the number of lights shown, of fog-whistles and automatic fog-horns in the several Provinces in the Dominion, on the 31st December of each year from 1868 to 1888, inclusive.