

The "Northern Light" was employed, as usual, in maintaining communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. She commenced service on the 21st December, 1886, and made twenty-one round trips between Charlottetown and Pictou and Georgetown and Pictou until 4th February, when she was forced by the ice to lay up at Souris. On the 6th April she resumed her trips between Georgetown and Pictou and continued till the 5th May, making seventeen additional round trips. The earnings of this vessel during the year amounted to \$4,951.30.

The steamer "Neptune" was chartered by the Department to assist the "Northern Light" in maintaining winter communication with the mainland, and made nineteen round trips between the 11th December and the 4th February, 1887, when owing to the condition of the ice, it was found necessary to withdraw her from the service. The sum of \$13,197.98 was paid the owners of the "Neptune" for the services of the vessel, and her earnings amounted to \$1,250.99.

The steamer "Sir James Douglas," stationed at Victoria, B.C., was employed in attending to the light and buoy service in that Province, and was also employed on account of the Indian Reserve Commission. The vessel is in good condition, but will require some repairs to fit her for next year's service.

The "Bayfield" is a wooden steamer of 150 tons gross and 94 tons register, and is employed for the purposes of the survey of the Georgian Bay.

The amount expended during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 11, for the maintenance of "Napoleon III" was \$27,241.81; of the "Druid" \$23,754.11, of the "Newfield," \$29,054.33; of the "Lansdowne" \$14,337.23; of the "Northern Light," \$14,132.37; of the "Sir James Douglas" \$12,039.40, and of the "Neptune" \$18,909.78, making an entire expenditure of the sum of \$142,936.15.

#### HARBOUR POLICE.

A police force has been established for a number of years past at the harbours of Montreal and Quebec, for the purpose of keeping order among the shipping and restraining crimping, and a tonnage duty of three cents per ton register is imposed under the provisions of Chapter 90, Revised Statutes, on every vessel entering at Quebec or Montreal. Vessels of 100 tons register or less are required to pay this duty once in each calendar year, and vessels of more than 100 tons twice in each year.

#### QUEBEC.

The River Police Force at Quebec, under charge of Mr. B. Trudel, was sworn in for duty, as customary, on 1st May last and constituted as follows, viz.: The chief constable, who is also shipping master for the port of Quebec, at a salary of