

The total cost of the maintenance of Lights, Buoys and Beacons in this Division for the year ended 30th June last amounted to \$15,152.73, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 7.

OIL.

As stated in the Report of last year, the oil required for the different Lighthouses in the Dominion, excepting those in British Columbia, is supplied under contract by Messrs. F. A. FitzGerald & Co., Union Petroleum Co., London, Ont.

The Lights in British Columbia, with the exception of Race Rocks Light and Fraser River Lightship, use petroleum oil. At Race Rocks and Fraser River, dogfish liver oil is used, and gives great satisfaction, answering fully as well as the expensive Colza oil formerly used.

Particulars as to the contract with Messrs. FitzGerald & Co. are given in the Report of last year. The quantity of oil supplied to the Lighthouses above Montreal during the past season amounted to 20,739 gallons; to the Lights in the Quebec District, 19,450 gallons; to the Lights in the New Brunswick District, 9,595 gallons; to the Nova Scotia Lights, 37,819 gallons; and to the Lights in Prince Edward Island, 5,358 gallons, making in all, 92,961 gallons.

DOMINION STEAMERS.

The steamers under the control of this Department consist of the screw steamer "Napoleon III," the "Druid," paddle-wheel; the "Newfield," screw; the "Glendon," screw; the "Sir James Douglas," screw; and the two small steam launches "Dolphin" and "Wannonish," employed at Quebec in connection with the River Police Service.

As already mentioned, the steamship "Napoleon III" has been employed during the past season in supplying the Light Stations in the lower portions of the Quebec District, the north shore of the River St. Lawrence, the Gulf and Straits of Belle Isle, and the north shore of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. During the past season, two trips were made to all the principal stations in the Gulf, excepting those in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The boilers and engines of this vessel are of the old style of 1856, and have been so worn as to require renewing, and it is proposed shortly to invite tenders for the construction of boilers and engines of the most approved description, which will not only increase the speed of the vessel, but also effect a large saving in the consumption of coal, and provide an additional carrying capacity of over 1,000 barrels, which is much required, owing to the increase in the number of Lights to be supplied.

The steamer "Druid" has been employed during the past season in supplying the Lights, etc., from Point des Monts to Montreal, and in attending to the very large