

The number of Light-keepers in this Division paid directly by the Government was 109, but in several cases assistants were employed by Keepers and paid by them out of the allowance made by the Government for the purpose.

The Lights in this Division, excepting those on the Ottawa River, were inspected during the months of July and August by the Superintendent of Lights, in the steamer "Celtic," chartered by the Department for the purpose for the sum of \$2,200, and the necessary stores and other supplies delivered. From the Report received it appears that the Lighthouses are, on the whole, well cared for by the Keepers, and their general condition satisfactory.

The sum of \$11,993.75 was expended during the past fiscal year on the construction of Lighthouses in this Division, and details of this expenditure will be found in Appendix No. 8.

Reference was made in the Report of last year to the construction of new Lighthouse Towers at Port Colborne. The main and front Light situated on the West Head Pier at the western entrance to the Welland Canal, was put in operation on the 15th May last, and is a fixed white catoptric light, elevated 70 feet above water mark, and should be seen 16 miles from all points on the lake. The Tower is an open-framed square wooden building, 60 feet high, and is painted white. The Back Range Light is placed on the pier on the east side of the entrance, 1,130 feet from the main Light. It is a fixed red catoptric light, elevated 38 feet above water mark, and should be seen eight miles. The Tower is a square wooden building standing upon a block, and painted white; it is 27 feet high from base to vane. The two lights in range give the deepest water to the entrance of the canal and clear the Sugar Loaf Reef. One of the improved Champion Fog-Trumpets has been erected at the main Light, and sounds a blast of eleven seconds in each minute and a half during thick weather. As will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 8, the sum of \$4,913.31 has been expended on these Lighthouses and Fog-Horns during the past fiscal year, making, with previous expenditure, the total cost to amount to \$7,219.31.

The new Lighthouse at Port Dalhousie, for which an appropriation of \$1,600 was made by Parliament, was completed and put in operation during the past season. The total cost of this Lighthouse amounted to \$1,488.69, and details of this expenditure will be found in Appendix No. 8.

The new Lighthouse and Pier at Presqu' Isle Harbour, to which reference was made in the Report of last year, has also been completed at a total cost of \$2,192.67, as will be seen by Appendix No. 8.

The new Lighthouse at Meaford, erected to replace the temporary Light which had been in operation there for some time has been completed at a cost of \$1,605.91.