

of the current fiscal year. It was lit for the first time on the 21st October, 1872, and Mr. F. H. Dumaresq was appointed keeper, on the 14th October, 1872, at a salary of \$240 per annum.

Another minor light was recently established at the north side of Tracadie Gully, in Gloucester County, for the purpose of a coast light, and to guide boats going into harbour. It is a fixed white light, with four mammoth flat-wick lamps and sixteen inch reflectors. It was lit for the first time on the 21st October, 1872, and Mr. William Archer was appointed keeper, at a salary of \$240 per annum. The cost of its construction will appear in the financial statements of the current fiscal year.

Two minor lights will shortly be erected at the entrance to Neguac Gully and Tabusintac Gully, and will probably be lit on the opening of navigation.

A new lighthouse is now under contract to be erected at Cape Spencer, in the Bay of Fundy, near the entrance of St. John harbour. It has been much required for some years past, and will add to the safety of the navigation in the Bay of Fundy. It will be a powerful white revolving light, so as to be easily distinguished from the fixed white lights on Partridge Island and the beacon.

Two minor lights will also be established in the Grand Lake, which will assist the growing trade in that section of the Province.

Two beacon lights were recently erected on Fox Island, at the entrance to the Miramichi River. The amount paid on account of their construction up to the 30th June last was \$530.14. They were lit for the first time on the 19th May last, and Mr. Robert Rainsborough was appointed keeper on the 12th October last, at a salary of \$200 per annum. There is a mammoth flat-wick lamp, with eighteen inch reflector in each beacon.

On the 1st November, 1871, Mr. F. J. Harding was appointed clerk to the agent at St. John.

On the 28th November, 1871, Mr. William Gallant was appointed keeper of the steam fog whistle at Point Lepreaux, in the room of Mr. J. H. Crosby, resigned, at a salary of \$400 per annum.

The supplies in New Brunswick have hitherto been delivered by chartered schooners, or by such other opportunities as offered, but it is desirable in future to have them delivered in Government vessels, if suitable arrangements can be made to accomplish that purpose.

#### NOVA SCOTIA LIGHTS.

The business of this Department in Nova Scotia is managed by an agent at Halifax, Mr. H. W. Johnston, under the direction of the Department at Ottawa. He is assisted by an Inspector of Lights, Captain Kendrick, who visits the light stations and attends to the delivery of the supplies; and also a clerk to assist in doing the office work. Mr. Burpee was formerly clerk at this agency, but he has recently resigned his situation, and Mr. Henry Dolby was appointed in his place. The Department also frequently avails itself