

Tenders were asked for, and the contract was awarded to Mr. George Dechamps of Shelburne, for the sum of \$1,725, the contractor receiving the materials which remained on hand, and which had been provided for the building originally intended for Surf Point.

The light tower is 42 feet high and painted white, and is built on a pier situated four feet above the low-water line and 240 feet from the extremity of the sand spit. The pier is of hemlock timber, 30 feet square on top, and sloping to $33\frac{3}{4}$ feet square at bottom. It is sunk two feet in the sand, and the top is about 10 feet above the average high tide. The sides are sheathed with oak plank, and an iron plate is put on the north-east angles as a protection against ice. Rip-rap stone work is built up five feet high on the pier, and extends at bottom nine feet on every side.

The lantern is of iron, $7\frac{1}{3}$ feet in diameter, having six sides glazed with plate glass $36 \times 36 \times \frac{3}{8}$ inch, and two sides blank.

The lighting apparatus consists of four large flat-wick lamps, three with 20-inch reflectors, and the fourth without any reflector; they are arranged on an iron shelf in the lantern.

The light, which is for the purpose of leading vessels into Shelburne Harbor, is fixed red. It is elevated 47 feet above the level of high water, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of about 10 miles.

The light was put in operation on 15th December, 1880.

A lighthouse has also been erected at Little Narrows, in the Bras d'Or Lake, Cape Breton. The building is a square wooden tower painted white, thirty-five feet high from base to vane. It is built on a foundation of hemlock posts.

The contract was awarded to Mr. Neil McKenzie for \$390.

The lantern is of iron, $5\frac{1}{4}$ feet in diameter, having six sides, three sides glazed with plate glass, $30 \times 30 \times \frac{3}{8}$ inch, and the other three sides blank. It is provided with two large flat-wick lamps, 18-inch reflectors, and one lamp of same kind without a reflector.

The light will be fixed white, elevated 40 feet above high water, and should be seen for a distance of eight miles.

It will be put in operation on the opening of navigation in the spring of 1881.

By Order in Council of 29th October, 1880, Mr. John Ferguson, of South Side Little Narrows, has been appointed keeper at a salary of \$120 per annum, to date from time light is put in operation.

During the past year two small beacon range lights have been established for the purpose of leading into Margaree Harbour, Cape Breton. The lights which are white, are shown by means of lanterns elevated on posts about twenty-five feet high and 130 feet apart. They are about 500 feet from the mouth of the harbour, and about 90 feet above the level of high water. The lights are under the charge of Mr. J. P. Macfarlane, who provides the lights, oil and everything connected with them for \$60 per annum.