
Abraham Daley, Keeper of the Murray Harbour Beach Light, at the same salary, in the room of Mr. Malcolm McFayden, resigned.

Mr. John McDonald was placed in charge of the new Lighthouse at Brush Wharf, Orwell, at a salary of \$80 per annum, from the 1st July last.

Mr. Asa McCabe, who had charge of the Lights on Sandy Island, Cascumpec, died in November last, but no appointment has as yet been made to the vacancy caused by his decease, the Lighthouse being cared for by his family.

By reference to Appendix No. 6, it will be seen that the sum of \$12,158.72 has been expended during the last fiscal year in the maintenance of Lighthouses, Buoys and Beacons. The expenditure for construction of Lighthouses, during the same period, amounted to \$2,560.88, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 8.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIGHTHOUSE DIVISION.

The Lighthouses in this Division were under the superintendence of Captain James Cooper, as Agent of this Department at Victoria, until the 25th June last, when, by Order in Council of that date, his appointment was cancelled, evidence having been submitted which showed that he had been guilty of fraud in the transaction of business as agent of the Department. The Hon. W. Hamly, Collector of Customs at Victoria, was placed in temporary charge as Agent, until the appointment of Mr. F. Revely by Order in Council of 11th July last.

The Lighthouses in British Columbia are six in number, and there is one Lightship, which is stationed at Fraser River. The number of Light-keepers and assistants is 14.

The Lightship at Fraser River, which had been in use since 1866, was found to be in such bad condition, from dry-rot in the hull, that it was found necessary to withdraw her from her station as no longer serviceable, and she is now offered for sale. It is proposed to replace this vessel with a permanent Lighthouse, erected on an iron screw pile foundation, and arrangements will shortly be made for this work. It is also proposed, at an early date, to place a vessel at this station to serve the purposes of a Lightship until the new Lighthouse is erected.

The only change that has occurred in the Keepership of the Lights in British Columbia was that occasioned by the death of Mr. W. H. Bevis, Keeper of Fisgard Lighthouse, on the 5th August last. A gratuity of two months salary, amounting to the sum of \$116.66 was allowed, under Order in Council, to the widow of the deceased Light-keeper.