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Lighthouse-keepers between Metis and Cap Rosier, by means of flag code signals with passing vessels can transmit reports *vid* the Montreal Company's lines to all other stations.

The expense and difficulty of maintaining telegraphic connection with distant Island Lighthouse Stations may be considered so great, as to render the attempt to do so inadvisable. The Superintendent reports that he has invented an improved semaphore adapted to the code of all nations, which will answer all necessary purposes.

Arrangements have been made for its introduction into the service. (Appendix 16, page 76.)

Respectfully submitted,

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