

which was formerly there, and which was carried away some time ago. It cost for construction \$1,000, the amount voted by Parliament for this purpose.

A minor Light is now about to be built at Shippegan Gully, in the County of Gloucester and another at Aluwick, in the County of Northumberland, both of which will probably be in operation shortly after the opening of navigation.

#### NOVA SCOTIA LIGHTS.

The lights, steam fog whistles and buoys on the coast of Nova Scotia are under the management of an agent with his office at Halifax, who receives his orders and instructions from the head office at Ottawa, on all important matters relating to the business. He is assisted by an inspector of Lights who resides at Halifax, and who visits all the Lighthouses in that section annually when he is delivering the supplies, and many of them at occasional intervals as necessity may require. He has also a clerk to assist him in his office duties. The former inspector, Captain Jost, received an appointment in the Customs during last summer, and Captain Kendrick who was inspector of Lights some years ago, and afterwards captain of the steamer *Druid*, was appointed on the 1st July, 1871, to be the inspector of Lights, at \$1,200 per annum.

The number of Lights in operation in this district at the close of the last fiscal year was sixty-two, and at the close of the calendar year there were sixty-five.

The number of keepers to attend to these Lights now in operation is sixty-five, and there are no assistant keepers in Nova Scotia appointed or paid by the Government. At Saint Paul's Island the superintendent of the humane establishment acts also as the principal Light keeper in charge of both Lights, and there is a keeper under him in charge of the south-west Light, and one of his staff acts as keeper of the north-east Light. In addition to these Lights there are four powerful steam fog whistles in operation in Nova Scotia—one at Yarmouth, one on Seal Island, one at Digby and one at Cranberry Island. Contracts have also been made for the erection of powerful steam fog whistles at Brier Island, St. Paul's Island and Sable Island, all of which are expected to be in operation during the ensuing summer. The Daboll fog trumpet on Sambro Island was found to be so unreliable and useless that public notice was given on the 2nd October, 1871, that the trumpet had been discontinued. Arrangements are now being made to obtain tenders for the erection at that station of a powerful steam fog whistle, and a sum sufficient to provide for it will be placed on the estimates to be laid before Parliament at the ensuing session. It is also proposed to place in the estimates a sufficient amount to construct a second steam fog whistle on Sable Island, so as to have a Lighthouse with a powerful steam fog whistle and house of refuge attached at each end of the Island, which is about twenty-two miles long. By keeping a portion of the staff at each of these stations with some at the main station and the central intermediate ones, there will be always assistance at hand in case of wrecks occurring at any part of the island. When this arrangement is carried out there will then be six different stations on the island for the purpose of rendering assistance to shipwrecked crews.