

as all the lighthouses, lightships, steam fog-whistles, gas, bell and other buoys and beacons in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, within the limits of the Province of Quebec, and on the north-west coast of Newfoundland and the Labrador coast. This important division is under the charge of Mr. J. U. Gregory, Agent of the Department at Quebec, who also has under his superintendence the Dominion steamers "Napoleon III" and "Druid," as well as the Quebec River Police Force.

At the close of navigation there were in this division 149 fixed and revolving lights; 8 lightships, 3 of which are supplied with steam fog-whistles; 7 steam fog-whistles or horns; 10 fog-guns; 109 buoys, 8 of which are gas buoys; 59 beacons and 9 life-saving canoes for service in the ice.

The lights situated between Quebec and Montreal were supplied during the past season by the steamer "Druid," as well as those on the north shore between Quebec and Portneuf, and as far as Father Point on the south shore; as also the lights on the Gaspé coast and Seven Islands, Egg Island and Point des Monts on the north shore of the St. Lawrence.

The lights in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Straits of Belle Isle and Baie des Chaleurs were supplied by the steamer "Napoleon," two trips having been made for that purpose, viz., one in August and another in October.

All the light stations visited were inspected by Mr. J. B. Bruneau, who has been acting in the capacity of inspector since the death of Mr. William Barbour.

The following is a synopsis of the principal repairs and improvements made at the lighthouse stations in this division during the past season, exclusive of the ordinary painting which was done wherever required:—

LIGHTS BETWEEN QUEBEC AND MONTREAL.

Lavaltrie.

Stone rip-rap carried away by the spring ice was replaced around the pier.

Isle aux Raisins.

The small pier damaged by spring ice was repaired and the channel between the lights cleared out.

Isle à la Pierre.

The pier damaged by ice last spring was repaired.

Port St. Francis.

A new pier was built for the front range light.

Repentigny.

Posts and stones were placed around the front range tower to protect it from the ice.