
the importance of this port, the new tower has been built nearly twenty feet higher than the old one, and it is proposed to make the light much more powerful than formerly. The contractors will not complete their operations before next season. The expenditure for these light towers will appear in the accounts for the present fiscal year.

During the past season tenders were invited for the erection of a new lighthouse at Coteau Landing, to replace the frame and temporary light at that place, and the contract awarded to Mr. Alexander Cameron, of Lancaster, for \$575. The light house has been satisfactorily completed, and the small dioptric light previously shown, replaced by a fixed red catoptric light on the 30th October last. The new lighthouse is built on the north-east corner of the Government Pier, and consists of a square wooden tower, painted white, 28 feet high from the pier to the vane of the lantern. The expenditure for this light house will appear in the accounts for the present year.

A new lighthouse to replace that burnt down in the season of 1876, was erected at McKie's Point, on the River St. Lawrence, and put in operation on the opening of navigation. The cost of this tower amounted to \$729.50.

During the past season it has been found necessary to make extensive repairs to the breakwater protecting the main light at Goderich. These repairs have been carried out under the superintendence of the light keeper, and have proved very satisfactory. An elevated walk has also been built on the north pier, to enable the light keeper to attend to the range light with safety.

By Order in Council of the 11th May last, the maintenance of the lighthouse erected on the outer end of the east pier at the entrance of Frenchman's Bay, in the County of Ontario, was assumed by the Government, and Mr. James McClellan appointed keeper of the light at a salary of \$100 per annum.

By Order in Council of the 7th May last, the maintenance of the harbour lights at Collingwood, which had been maintained by the Northern Railway of Canada, was assumed by the Government, and Mr. Robert Doherty appointed keeper of the lights at a salary of \$200 per annum.

The red light which for some time past had been established on the end of the west pier at the entrance to Port Stanley harbour, was also assumed by this Department in May last, and placed under the charge of Mr. Charles Ead, keeper of the principal light, he receiving an addition of \$25 to his salary for taking care of the light.

In addition to the changes specified the following changes have occurred in the list of Keepers of Lights in this Division since the date of last Report, viz :—

By Order in Council of the 19th February last, the salary of Mr. G. B. Simpson, keeper of the Range Lights at Presqu' Isle, Lake Ontario, was increased from \$375