

APPENDIX.

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SAINT JOHN BOARD OF TRADE.

At its last January Session the following was unanimously adopted :

Resolved.—That we view with satisfaction the attitude of the Government in seeking full information as to the practicability of the building of the Baie Verte Canal, and trust our delegates will take an opportunity to interview the Minister of Public Works, pressing upon him the utility of opening a Canal or water-way between the waters of the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, this Board fully agreeing in the report of a former Canal Commission designating the Baie Verte Canal as one of primary importance.”

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ADMIRALTY SAILING DIRECTIONS OF THE GULF AND RIVER ST. LAWRENCE, COMPILED FROM RECENT SURVEYS. FROM 1872 EDITION.

Mr. Page says “there are some writers who do not seem to be aware of the changes and improvement going on, and do not care to notice them, but continue to describe in strong terms dangers that have practically ceased to exist.” Take the following from the 1872 Edition, above referred to :

“Lake St. Pierre is 22 miles long, and in some places nearly 8 in breadth ; but its Western part is encumbered with numerous Islands, which divide it into several channels, two of which are navigable, but that on the South side is the cleanest, deepest, and best, and is pointed out by a light vessel, and buoy. The banks here are low, and shelve off to a considerable distance, leaving only a narrow channel of from 12 to 18 feet water ; the river here is obstructed by masses of rock, and at the ebb tide, the descent of the rapid becomes so great that the utmost caution must be taken to pass it ; vessels, therefore, should wait for a proper time of tide, and if necessary, they may anchor at the bottom of the rapid until a proper opportunity occurs.”

The Admiralty Sailing Directions above are as untrue and unreliable in regard to the fogs and tides of the Bay of Fundy, as to the present state of Lake St. Pierre.

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CAPTAIN ALBERT BETTS.

“I, Albert Betts, Master Mariner, of the City of Saint John, N. B., have followed the sea for over forty-three years, and have been master for thirty-nine years and never lost a vessel, and am now engaged as Surveyor for Marine Insurance. I have commanded ships belonging to this port to all