

Mr. Paul Pouliot, the keeper of the light at Point des Monts, became incapacitated by mental infirmity during last summer for the discharge of his duty, and was removed from the station, and placed on the superannuated list with an allowance of \$138.24. Mr. Ferdinand Faffard was appointed in his place, with a salary of \$700 per annum.

The total amount expended for the maintenance of the lights, lightships, steam fog whistles, signal guns, buoys and beacons in this district was \$41,936, and the amount voted by Parliament for this purpose was \$41,936.

LIGHTHOUSE AND COAST SERVICE, NEW BRUNSWICK.

In this division the business is managed by an agent of the Department, Mr. J. H. Harding, under the directions of the head office at Ottawa. There is also an Inspector, who visits the lighthouses and sees that they are kept in proper order. In New Brunswick there are now 47 lighthouses, of which 24 are sea lights, and 23 minor or beacon lights. There are also two steam fog whistles in operation in this division, both situated in the Bay of Fundy, one at Partridge Island and one at Lepreaux. A new steam fog whistle is also under contract to be erected at Machias Seal Island—a dangerous place near the entrance to the Bay of Fundy—and another one on Miscou Island, near the entrance to the Bay Chaleur. The number of buoys and beacons maintained by this Department in New Brunswick was 169, and the cost of maintaining them was \$2,864.28. The number of light keepers, engineers and assistants employed in New Brunswick to keep the lights and steam fog whistles is 40.

The total cost of maintaining the lights, steam fog whistles, buoys and beacons in New Brunswick for the year ended 30th June last, was \$23,369.12, and the amount voted by Parliament for this service was \$26,807, leaving an unexpended balance of \$3,437.88.

The new white revolving light recently erected on the Southern Wolves, in the Bay of Fundy, has been found to be most valuable to the navigation of the Bay, and has been much appreciated. The total cost of its construction, including machinery and lighting apparatus, up to the 30th June last, was \$4,898.59.

The fixed red light recently erected on Bliss Island has also proved most serviceable to vessels making a harbour in that locality. The total cost of its construction, including lighting apparatus, was \$1,378.86.

A fine revolving white light, large size with two faces, was recently established at Cassie's Point to guide vessels into Shediac Harbour. It was lit for the first time on the 30th August last, and contains four mammoth flat-wick lamps on each face, with eighteen inch reflectors. The light revolves every three minutes, shewing every minute and a half. The amount paid on account of its construction up to the 30th June last was \$800. Mr. Charles Le Blanc was appointed keeper, with a salary of \$240 per annum.

A new minor light was recently established on L'Islet, in Shippegan Harbour or Gully, Gloucester County, which has been found to be of great service to the fishermen and others frequenting that coast. It is a fixed white light with four mammoth flat-wick lamps and sixteen inch reflectors. The cost of its construction will appear in the financial statements