

ANTICOSTI,--ITS SHIPWRECKS.

What has been done since Confederation to prevent Marine Disasters.

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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accepting an invitation to explain to you some of the efforts made to lessen the dangers the navigator has so long encountered in visiting our shores, I have done so with a full sense of my inability to do justice to the subjects I may touch upon. In abler hands there is a fund of useful and important matter which could be worked up into a very interesting lecture. However, I shall do my best to relate, in an unvarnished manner, such facts as I have gathered, and feel sure you will kindly overlook any shortcomings in this, my first attempt at anything of the kind. I was about alluding to my recent illness—hoping to shoulder upon that circumstance, some of my weak points—but my physical appearance is so much against my gaining any pity on that score, that I pass it by, and shall trust to your indulgence.

As I proceed, I will explain to you a map of Anticosti, got up at my request in 1878, by one of our most intelligent and ingenious lighthouse-keepers, Mr. David Têtu, while he was in charge of the station at the South Point of that Island. Mr. Têtu, as you will easily see, is a man of con-