

The nine pounder carronades in use for signal purposes at several of the stations having been found unsuitable for the service required, a 32-pounder carronade was supplied during the past season to each of the following stations, viz: Point des Monts, Green Island, Bicquet, West Point, Anticosti, Greenly Island and Belle Isle.

During the past season, it was found necessary owing to the age of the light towers between Quebec and Montreal to make very considerable repairs to many of them, and to erect a new tower at Isle aux Prunes, as the old one had become no longer serviceable. The contract for this work was given to Mr. James Sheridan, and the tower erected for the sum of \$646.

The light heretofore shown on Witch Island, Lake Memphremagog, by means of a lantern erected on a pole, will be discontinued on the opening of navigation next season, and a new light shown from a tower erected on a pier on the shoal near the Island. The contract for the erection of the pier and lighthouse was awarded to Mr. J. E. Davidson of Georgeville, for the sum of \$500.

A contract has also been entered into with Mr. James Desmond, of Chatham, N.B., to erect a lighthouse with dwelling and out-buildings, on Flat or Plateau Rock, off Point Peter, Gaspé, for the sum of \$2,140, but the work will not be proceeded with until the opening of navigation next season.

The light towers in Montreal Harbor having become too much decayed to be longer serviceable, it is proposed to replace them, on the opening of navigation, with iron masts which have been imported for the purpose, from the establishment of Messrs. Chance Brothers, near Birmingham.

The light on Port St. John wharf, Island of Orleans, River St. Lawrence, below Quebec, was changed on the opening of navigation from a revolving white to a fixed white light.

The following changes have taken place in the keepership of the lights in this Division since the date of my last Report, viz:—

By Order in Council of the 1st April last, Mr. Michael Coltin was appointed keeper of the lighthouse and fog gun at Belle Isle, at a salary of \$800 per annum, in the room of Mr. Martin Coltin, deceased.

By Order in Council of the 25th September last, Mr. Alexander St. Laurent was appointed keeper and engineer of the lighthouse and fog-whistle at Cape Bauld, Newfoundland, at a salary of \$800 per annum.

The total amount expended for the maintenance of lights, lightships, provision depots, buoys and beacons, and fog-whistles in this Division, during the year ended 30th June last, amounted to \$105,741.71.

The sum of \$3,732.01 was expended on construction of lights during the same period.