

Marine and Fisheries.

Portneuf (below).

Repairs and painting the tower and building. The work was done by keeper with local assistance. Cost, \$72.32.

Red Island Light-ship.

Repairs to engine, boiler and connections, work done by engineer and assistance. Cost, \$117.57.

Repentigny.

Repairs to foundation of tower and roof work was performed by two men sent up from Quebec. Cost, \$91.66.

Seven Islands.

Repairs to the kitchen and outbuildings were made by keeper and assistance. Cost, \$24.

LIGHT-SHIPS.

The Lower Traverse Light-ship was hauled up, scraped, painted and repaired, and deck renewed last winter. All the other light-ships are in good order and condition; but will require the ordinary small repairs and outfitting during winter.

The Manicouagan Light-ship and steam fog-whistle service was discontinued, and the light-ship moored on White Island Reef, being the entrance of the North Channel, now being extensively used by heavy draught ocean vessels.

GAS AND OTHER BUOYS, ABOVE AND BELOW QUEBEC.

The maintaining of the efficiency of this large and important district has been performed by the steamer "Alert," when not on duty on lighthouse service, in the Gulf, &c., and by engaging tug steamer adapted for carrying buoys and gas tanks, and with proper lifting gear.

The Lark Reef checkered buoy was altered to red buoy; the White Island Reef wooden can red buoy was discontinued. The wooden can red buoy at the east end of Middle Ground was replaced by the gas buoy. The Traverse wooden can wreck buoy, indicating a former wreck, was removed, not considered necessary any longer, owing to the wreck having disappeared.

Three new large can buoys, and eight spar buoys, were built this year, at a cost of \$776.65, including cost of chains, swivels, anchors, painting, &c.

Six beacons were built and repaired, at a cost of \$141.60; for this district.

Spar Buoys.

The spar buoys, placed in position below Quebec, after all the other buoys are removed, at the end of the season, have become so valuable to vessels, leaving at such a late period, that you have authorized me to renew them, every fall.

One is also placed at Ste. Croix, and one at Pointe aux Trembles, when the gas buoys, at these stations, are removed.

The sum of \$596.65 was spent on spar buoys, from the 1st July, 1892, to the 30th June, 1893.