

the new Horn having been heard at a distance of 9 miles, with a strong cross wind in thick weather.

At Bird Rocks Light Station during the past season repairs and improvements have been made to the landing, and a Steam Winch erected, by which supplies can be landed with much greater facility. A new Gun House was also built at this Station.

Owing to the action of the sea on the foundations of Paspebiac Lighthouse, arrangements will require to be made for the removal of the Tower to another position at an early day.

An appropriation of \$4,000 was made by Parliament at its last session for the erection of a Lighthouse at Fame Point, in the County of Gaspé, and tenders have been invited for this work, but no contract has, as yet, been entered into.

During the past spring, the reflecting Light lately placed on the Pillars Island was unfortunately destroyed by fire, but the Pier and Tower on the Rock still remain, and it is probable a Red Light may be placed in the Tower next season.

The following changes have occurred in the Keepership, etc., of the Lights of this Division since the date of last Report, viz:—

By Order in Council of the 6th February last, Mr. John Loisel was appointed Keeper of Paspebiac Lighthouse, at a salary of \$150, in the room of Mr. Lionel Strong, deceased.

By Order in Council of the 12th February last, the services of Mr. Jean Nadeau, as Assistant Superintendent of Lights, were dispensed with, there being no apparent necessity for such an officer, and such office not existing in any of the other Provinces. A gratuity of two months' salary, amounting to \$121.67, was allowed to Mr. Nadeau, by Order in Council, on his services being dispensed with.

By Order in Council of the 21st April, Mr. Firmin Larrivée was appointed Keeper of Red Island Lightship, in the room of Captain David Damour, superseded, at a salary of \$500, with an allowance of \$1,900 per annum to provide an Engineer to work the Fog-Whistle, and a sufficient crew to manage the vessel.

By Order in Council of the 16th of May, Mr. Octave Desjardins was appointed Keeper of the Lighthouse at Matane, at a salary of \$250 per annum, in the room of Mr. F. X. Dionne, superseded.

By Order in Council of the 16th May, Captain Edouard Pelletier was appointed Keeper of the Upper Traverse Lightship, in the room of Mr. Alphonse M. Dechêne, superseded, at an allowance of \$1,400 per annum, from which a good and efficient crew for the management of the vessel is to be provided.