

A new lighthouse has recently been erected at Carleton Point, in the Bay Chaleur. It will shew a fixed red light, and will probably be exhibited on the opening of navigation.

In order to render the navigation of Bay Chaleur easy and safe, both at night and in foggy weather, it would be very desirable that a minor light be erected on Point Macquereau, at the northern entrance of the Bay Chaleur, near the boundary line between the County of Gaspé and the County of Bonaventure, and also a steam fog whistle near the present Lighthouse on Miscou Island, at the southern entrance of the Bay Chaleur. In this division there are 51 buoys to be maintained in their proper positions to indicate the channel, shoals, and sunken rocks, and as they are frequently carried away by collisions and otherwise, it requires the most careful attention to keep them in their proper places. This duty is chiefly attended to by the superintendent of lights and the captains of the Government steamers who may be in command of the steamers selected for the purpose. There are also 47 beacons in the division for the purpose of indicating particular points on the land, which in many places below the Saguenay, is very similar in appearance, more particularly on the south shore, near which the vessels usually sail.

#### LIGHTHOUSE AND COAST SERVICE—NEW BRUNSWICK.

The management of the light service in this division is entrusted under the direction of the Department at Ottawa, to an agent, with his office at St. John. In October last Mr. G. W. Smith, the former agent at this branch, was appointed to the branch of the Finance Department and Savings Bank at St. John, and Mr. John H. Harding was by Order in Council, dated 23rd November, 1871, appointed in his place, with the salary of \$1,600 per annum.

Mr. John Harley, the former Inspector of Lights in New Brunswick being advanced in years, and in ill health, was placed on the superannuation list on the 7th June last, with an allowance of \$216 per annum on his representation of his inability from ill health for the performance of his duties, and Mr. James Mitchell was appointed in his place, with the salary of \$1,200, being the same as was allowed his predecessor.

In this division there were at the close of navigation last year 38 lights, twenty of which were good sea lights, and eighteen were minor or river lights. To manage and attend to these lights there were 33 keepers and 2 assistants. In addition to these lights there were two steam fog whistles, one at Lepreau and one at Partridge Island, both in the Bay of Fundy, each having an engineer to attend to them, and one an assistant engineer. This makes the number of keepers and assistants for the lighthouses and steam fog whistles in New Brunswick thirty-eight. The total cost of maintenance for this service during last fiscal year, including the red light at Reed's Point, St. John, the steam fog whistles, and the salary and travelling expenses of the Inspector of Light Houses was \$25,564 86, and the amount voted by Parliament for it was \$27,362, leaving an unexpended balance of \$1,797 14.

In New Brunswick there are 169 buoys, which cost for maintenance during last fiscal year, \$1,851 46.

On the 5th February, 1871, Mr. John Henneberry, late keeper of the light at Cape