

603. Have you consulted the Public Accounts with reference to Lake Winnipeg?—I have seen the Public Accounts.

604. Do you mean to tell me that you have not seen in the Public Accounts a payment to the keeper of the Channel Island lighthouse upon Lake Winnipeg?—No; I have never seen that.

605. You say then that there is no lighthouse there?—No; I don't say that. I don't know it. I was acquainted with the keeper of the other.

606. You don't know the lighthouses on Lake Winnipeg?—No.

607. And yet you are competent to navigate that lake?—Yes.

608. How near can you approach with safety with a centre board boat 6 feet beam on the north side of Channel Island?—Not very close I should think.

609. How close?—I cannot say just now at the present moment.

610. What depth of water is there?—I cannot say just now.

611. If you were approaching there at night what would you have to do?—I cannot tell.

612. You don't know?—No.

613. Do you know how near you can approach on the east?—No.

614. Do you know on the south?—No.

615. Do you know on the west?—No.

616. You don't know anything about it?—I know that there are shallows all around the island.

617. Do you know that nearly every steamer that passes through Lake Winnipeg passes near by it?—No.

618. How is it that you don't know it?—I don't know.

619. You don't know the Channel Island lighthouse—you don't know whether there is one or not?—No.

620. And yet you are a master mariner, a sailing master competent to work a boat, and you admit that you have been paid \$67.50, and you don't know where Channel Island lighthouse is?—No; I don't know, because all the time I was on Lake Winnipeg there was no Channel Island lighthouse.

621. Will you swear positively that there was no lighthouse in 1889?—I did not see any lighthouse there.

622. There has been one there for the last five years. What is the compass course from Long Point to Spider Island Harbour. Never mind the variations out with it?—It would nearly lie north by west, it would be close on north-west, I should think.

623. What is the compass course from Long Point to Montreal Point?—Nearly east. In sailing this country we have to go near the coast.

624. You cannot always go near the coast. As a master mariner you don't know the course?—You are always in sight of the coast.

625. Are you certain you are always in sight of the coast?—Yes; you are always in sight of it.

626. What is the compass course from the Channel Island Light to Jack Head?—I told you I do not know where the Channel Island Light is.

627. What is the compass course from the north end of Reindeer Island to Montreal Point? Out with it now?—It would lie north-east I should think.

628. What is the compass course from the south end of Grassy Narrows to Elk Island?—That would be about south, south-east, I should think.

629. What is the compass course from Elk Island to the foot of Black Island?—Close on north; due north.

630. On what compass course would you with five feet draft strike the outer entrance of Berens' river?—The outer entrance is crooked.

631. On what compass course would you strike the entrance to Berens' river?—You would north east and then turn again and go about south west, I think. I would like to make a remark here. It is impossible to tell right off-hand the compass course of anything without having a chart with you. You cannot keep all these in your head all the time.