

tion in June last. In thick weather this Horn sounds a blast of 10 seconds duration, during every minute and a-half, leaving an interval of 80 seconds between each blast. The cost of this Horn was \$1,750, and the expense of erecting and providing building amounted to 721.16.

During the past season tenders were invited for the erection of a Lighthouse at St. Esprit Island, Richmond County, and the contract has been awarded to Mr. Thomas O'Neil of Salmon River, Guysboro', but he has not yet proceeded with the work.

The Lighthouse on Brooklyn Pier, Liverpool, to which reference was made in the Report of last year, has been fully completed, at a cost of \$1,023.63.

During the past season tenders were invited for the erection of a Lighthouse on Surf Point, Shelburne Harbour, and the contract awarded to Messrs. N. R. & Z. Freeman of Liverpool, but it has been deemed advisable to defer proceeding with the work owing to representations which have been made to the Department, that a Light on the end of Sand Spit would be more advantageous to the local trade, that is to the class of vessels more frequently entering Shelburne Harbour.

The Breakwater built for the protection of the Lighthouses at Parsboro' eight years since, having been shattered by a severe gale which swept the sea with great violence over the bar, it has been found necessary to invite tenders for the repairs required, and the work will be carried out as soon as practicable.

The Agent has reported that the severe gale which occurred on the 29th October last, carried away a portion of the Breakwater built in 1875 for the protection of the Lighthouse at Meagher's Beach, and that in addition to repairs required, it will be necessary to extend the Breakwater for the full protection of the Lighthouse. The cost of this work is estimated at \$4,000.

The Boilers of the Steam Fog Alarms at St. Paul's and Cranberry Island having been pronounced so much worn as soon to be unserviceable, it is proposed to invite tenders for the construction of new boilers for these stations.

Tenders were lately invited for the protection of the Lighthouse at Creighton's Head, West Arichat, and the contract has been awarded to Messrs. D. Cameron and J. McIsaac of Arichat, for the sum of \$320.

A Protection Wall has also been erected on Big Arrow Island for the safety of the Lighthouse lately erected at that place.

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