

Negro Island.

The old tower which stood about 20 feet from the keeper's dwelling, having been condemned, a new tower was erected during the past year, under contract by Mr. DeChamp. The new tower stands at the eastern end of keeper's dwelling, with which it is connected.

Bon Portage.

The tower has been stripped and re-shingled, new storm door provided for kitchen, deck of lantern repaired and all new work painted. The revolving clock work was also repaired.

Barrington Lightship.

The lightship was withdrawn last fall for the winter months, being considered too weak to withstand the winter gales. She was temporarily repaired and placed in position on the opening of navigation. After a further examination had been made while the vessel was hauled up ashore, it was found necessary to condemn her as unfit for service, and call for tenders for the construction of a new vessel. The tender of Mr. McGill having been accepted, he at once proceeded to build a vessel in accordance with specifications furnished by the Department, and she was placed at her station in November last.

Seal Island.

Extensive improvements and repairs have been effected at this station, of which the following is a summary:—The old portion of the keeper's dwelling was taken down and a new addition built to the new part, 31 feet square. Repairs were made to the plaster and inside finish of the old part. A new coal shed was erected adjoining the whistle house, and a brick chimney erected at the whistle house in place of the old iron smoke stack. The extensive landing slip has been thoroughly repaired and re-planked, and a commodious boathouse erected at the head of the slip for the accommodation of the life-boat. A new-life boat built at the Marine Wharf, especially for the requirements of this station, has been sent to the island and stored in boathouse ready for use in case of emergency. The lighthouse and other buildings have been painted.

Shafner's Point.

A substantial stone retaining wall has been built on the face of embankment in front of the lighthouse.

Advocate Harbour.

It having been decided to remove the lighthouse to the opposite side of the channel, tenders were invited for the work of removal and building an addition to tower for accommodation of the keeper's family. The tender of Messrs. Thomas George Livingstone, for \$875, being the lowest, was accepted, and the work is now in progress and expected to be completed about the end of October.