

ETANG DU NORD.

October 12th.—Arrived at 8 a.m. at Cape Mull ; went over to lighthouse, put on new whistle bell ; tested it ; found it to sound well, the old one being too thin and full of blown holes, and not round. Examined the lights and revolving gear, and found all in good order.

October 14th.—Blowing a gale ; landed stores.

October 16th.—Arrived at Pleasant Bay.

AMHERST ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

At 3 p.m. Landed stores and supplies, and went over to the lighthouse ; examined the light and revolving gear, and found all in good order ; was left on shore with seven men for three days ; could not get on board ; blowing a gale. Left at 8 a.m., and arrived at

ENTRY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

October 19th.—9 a.m., landed stores and provisions ; examined the lights, and found them all in good order. Left at noon for

BIRD ROCKS.

Arrived at 4 p.m. ; could not land on account of weather ; went over to Brian Island at 8 p.m. for shelter.

October 22nd.—Reached Bird Rocks at 10 p.m., after nine days detention from gales and rough sea ; after five trials succeeded with a great deal of trouble ; got our small boat smashed and all the provisions and stores more or less wet ; just had time to finish with the exception of the provisions for the depot, which we could not land ; the old provisions will do for this season. It is my opinion that all the stores and provisions could be taken down in the spring trip, and landed when the weather is fine, which would be a great saving of money, and risk of losing the steamer, as there is no shelter around the Magdalen Islands in the fall during some heavy gales. I think that there could be a small boat hired at Brian Island to make trips to Bird Rocks, on fine days, say about 15th September, and another about the 15th October, to take over all the vegetables and fresh meat that the keeper wants, as there is plenty on the island and very cheap.

Copy of letter sent to keeper of Bird Rocks Lighthouse.

EAST POINT MAGDALEN ISLANDS,
21st October, 1877.

SIR,—Owing to the great detention and expense attending Steamship Napoleon III this fall when supplying your Station, I think it would be advisable for you next spring to send to Quebec in time for the steamers first trip for all the stores and provisions that you would require for the year, as it is possible the Department will arrange for the steamer to make only one trip to the Bird Rocks, and it is likely they will make arrangements with some person on Brian Island to make two visits in the fall to the Bird Rocks, to take what vegetables and fresh meat you may require, also letters, say first visit about the 15th September, second visit about the 15th October.

I am, Sir,
Yours, &c.,

(Signed) J. U. GREGORY,
per WM. BARBOUR.

To MR. PETER WHALEN,
Keeper of Bird Rocks Lighthouse.