

The Light Service between Quebec and Montreal, and in the River St. Lawrence between Quebec and Point des Monts, was performed during the past season by the steamer "Druid," under command of Captain Marmen. The work of laying down, taking up and keeping in position during navigation the numerous Buoys below Quebec was also attended to by Captain Marmen.

The necessary supplies and provisions for the Lights, Fog-Whistles and Provision Depôts in the Gulf and Straits of Belle Isle, were delivered by the steamer "Napoleon III," under Captain Després, two trips having been made for this purpose; one in June and the other in September last.

The Agent at Quebec reports that during the past season he visited many of the Lights in his Division, and made such improvements as appeared necessary.

Owing to the extensive improvements in the channel between Montreal and Quebec, made by the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, it was found necessary to make alterations in the ranges of the Lights at Isle Ste. Thérèse, Port St. Francis, Champlain, Batiscan and Grondines, and erect temporary Lights to indicate the new channel till arrangements could be made for the erection of permanent buildings.

Tenders for new Lighthouses at Ste. Emilie and Ste. Thérèse have been invited, and the contract for the two required at Ste. Emilie has been awarded to Mr. A. Cameron of Lancaster, for the sum of \$900, and for the two at Ste. Thérèse to Mr. J. Sheridan of Montreal, for the sum of \$760.

New Lighthouse Towers are required at Lavaltrie, Isle aux Prunes, Sorel, and also in the Harbour of Montreal, and arrangements will probably be made for the erection of these next season.

During the past season a Lighthouse was erected at Belle Isle, on the southern and most prominent point of the Island, 300 feet lower down than the old Lighthouse and showing considerably more to the south. The Light is a fixed white catoptric, elevated about 160 feet above high-water mark, and in clear weather should be seen at a distance of 20 miles. This Light will prove of great service to navigation when the upper Light is obscured by fog. The cost of this Lighthouse will be shown in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

The Automatic Neptune Fog-Horn at Point Rich, on the coast of Newfoundland, not proving sufficiently powerful to be heard by passing vessels, has been discontinued.

Reference was made in the Report of last year to the Woodward Fog-Horn placed at Cape Ray being of little service, owing to its working being unreliable. Steps were taken during the past season to replace this Horn with one of the Improved Champion Horns, and the change has proved of great service to navigation—