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**QUEBEC LIGHTHOUSE DIVISION.**

This Division comprises the lighthouses and light-ships at and below Montreal, on the River St. Lawrence, and on the Richelieu River and Lake Memphremagog, as well as all the lighthouses, light-ships, steam fog-whistles, buoys and beacons in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence below Quebec, Straits of Belle Isle and north-west coast of Newfoundland.

At the close of navigation there were in this Division 145 fixed and revolving lights, 8 light-ships, 3 of which are supplied with steam fog-whistles, 10 steam fog-whistles, 10 fog guns, 88 buoys, 59 beacons, 8 provision depots and 9 life canoes for service amongst the ice.

This important Division is under the charge of Mr. J. U. Gregory, Agent of this Department at Quebec, who has also under his superintendence several of the Dominion steamers, the Quebec River Police Force, and the Fisheries Protection Service.

The light service between Montreal and Quebec and in the River St. Lawrence between Quebec and Point des Monts was performed during the past season by the steamer "Druid" under the superintendence of Mr. William Barbour, Inspector of Lights for this Division. The supplies and provisions for the lighthouses, fog-whistles and provision depôts in the lower portion of this Division, from Point des Monts to the Straits of Belle Isle, and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, were delivered by Mr. Barbour in the steamer "Napoleon III," three trips being made for the purpose. In addition to the inspection made by Mr. Barbour, a number of the lighthouses and fog-whistles were visited and inspected by the Agent.

Reference was made in the Report of last year to the lighthouse and fog-whistle proposed to be erected at Cape Bauld, on the north coast of Newfoundland, the contract for which had been awarded to Mr. John E. Askwith. During the past season considerable progress has been made with the work, but, owing to unexpected difficulties in the carrying out of the contract, the contractor will not be able to complete the work till next season. The sum of \$2,179.67 was expended on this work during the fiscal year ended 30th June last, and further expenditure will appear in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

During the past season, the contract of the light heretofore maintained at the outer end of the Government pier at Rivière du Loup was assumed by the Department, and a new lighthouse tower erected on the north-west corner of the pier. A fixed white light is shown, elevated 38 feet above high water mark, and visible 11 miles from all points seaward. The illuminating apparatus is dioptric of the sixth order. The tower is a square wooden building, 36 feet in height from the pier to the vane of the lantern, and is painted white. The lighthouse was erected under contract by Mr. James Sheridan, of Montreal, for the sum of \$619.