

Marine and Fisheries.

Blond Rock Automatic Buoy.

The "Lansdowne" placed a new buoy and moorings at this place on the 17th March, and brought the buoy that had been there during the winter to St. John.

In lifting the buoy on board the steamer the chain parted, and about 30 fathoms was lost.

The only way to account for buoys moored at this place breaking adrift so often is that the chain wears considerably and catches under the rocks, and in heavy weather the surging of the buoy to and fro breaks the chain.

Chebogue Ledge Buoy.

This buoy broke from its moorings, and was recovered; the sum of \$32 was paid to Eben Scott for salvage and repairs.

Lower end of Grand Lake and Jemseg Buoys.

Mr. Herbert Currie is contractor. The buoying and bushing of this district by the contractor has not been satisfactorily carried out. The department had to supply and place buoys this season which will be charged against that service.

North-west Ledge Buoy.

This buoy broke from its moorings and was picked up on the 24th February 1893, about half a mile above low ledge, and was towed into Westport. The amount paid to SS. "Westport" and crew for salvage was \$112.

Old Man Buoy.

An iron can buoy was placed on this ledge in place of a spar buoy. The-buoy was purchased from Eben Scott for \$50.00.

Quaco Buoys.

The Quaco Ledge bell buoy was picked up by the "Lansdowne" about 6 miles N. N.-W from Isle-Haute at anchor, the buoy having been carried there by the ice. The buoy was damaged by some vessel. The bell buoy moored off the light-house reef has not been recovered.

West Isles Buoys.

Mr. D. L. Martin is contractor; amount of contract is \$209 per annum.

Three extra spar buoys were placed in this district at a cost of \$45; and a new spindle was erected at a cost of \$40 which the contractor has agreed to keep in repair for \$12.50 per annum. The contract expires in April, 1894.

STEAMER "LANSDOWNE."

Captain Dakin's services were dispensed with by the department, and the first mate, Mr. George W. J. Bissett was placed in command. Mr. J. F. Wiffin was appointed first mate; and Mr. John L. Moury second mate.