

An appropriation of \$1,800 was made by Parliament at its last Session for the erection of a pier and lighthouse tower at Presqu'Isle Harbour, Northumberland County, and a contract was entered into with Mr. Roderick Cameron of Lancaster, to perform the work required for the sum of \$1,695. This included also furnishing and placing 30 cords of stone to protect the lighthouse on the east point. The lighthouse and pier have lately been completed, but owing to the lateness of the season, the new lights will not be shown till the opening of navigation. It is proposed to show a fixed red catoptric light, ranging with the old light on Salt Point, to indicate the entrance to Presqu'Isle Bay, through the new channel. The tower is square, built of wood, and is 22 feet high from the base of the pier to that of the lantern. The expenditure for this lighthouse will appear in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

An appropriation of \$1,500 was also made by Parliament at its last Session, for the erection of a lighthouse at Meaford to replace the temporary light shown from frame work, on the end of the breakwater. The contract was awarded to the Law Building and Manufacturing Company of Meaford, for the sum of \$875, and the lighthouse has been completed to the satisfaction of the Department. A fixed white light, elevated 42 feet above water, is shown from a square tower 23 feet high, erected on a block built on the end of the pier.

During the past season tenders were invited for the construction and placing in position of six day beacons and eight spar buoys at Parry Sound, in the District of Muskoka, for which an appropriation of \$1,300 was made by Parliament. The contract was awarded to Mr. T. R. Caton, of Parry Sound, for \$750, and the work will be completed shortly; and this expenditure appears in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

A contract has also been entered into with Mr. Richard Whiteacre, of Allenwood, for the construction of a lighthouse tower upon the pier at Port Dalhousie, Welland Canal, at a short distance from the present lighthouse, and it is expected that the lighthouse will be completed at the opening of navigation next season.

An appropriation of \$2,000 was made at last session of Parliament for the new lighthouse at Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, in the District of Algoma, and the contract has lately been awarded to Mr. Richard Whiteacre, for the sum of \$1,890. The lighthouse is required to be completed by the 15th August, 1879.

Appropriations have also been made for the erection of new lighthouses at the west end of Long Point, Lake Erie, and at Kincardine, Lake Huron, and tenders will shortly be invited for these works.

It was found necessary in the course of last season to invite tenders for the renewal of the foundation under the lighthouse tower at Point Pleasant, Bay of