

is no other way to make the entry to the only harbor there is in this part of the Gulf easy in bad weather, but by placing a Light ship where I have proposed. The light should be a red one, so that it may not be mistaken for a light in a house.

4. A light-house should be placed about Magdelain River. As it is now there is no light on the coast from Cape Rosier to Point des Monts.

5. A light-house at Cape Chatte. This is wanted for vessels on the south side.

6. Light-ships should be placed on Manicouagan shoals and Red Island Reef. These are both dangerous spots. All these I consider necessary, but the lights on Bird Rocks and at Sandy Beach especially so.

*Jost.*—I consider the navigation of the Gulf of St. Lawrence very dangerous, and the coast is so badly lighted that, (knowing the thick weather that one is always liable to in the Gulf) masters of vessels have more cause for anxiety, and the shipping runs more risk there than in any other part of the British Dominions. I recommend, to improve the navigation, that light-houses &c, be put as follows :

1. One on Cape Ray N. E., or on Point Oragé, which last would be equally useful to vessels making the west coast of Newfoundland.

2. One on the Bird Rocks. That this most dangerous place has not been marked, in spite of the long continued outcry of mariners, and the constant recurrence of wrecks, is a disgrace to the Governments who have, one after another, allowed the time to pass without doing anything to remove the danger of the place. It is directly in the passage of the shipping and should have a light of the very best description.

3. There should be a light-ship moored at Sandy Beach in Gaspé Bay. This is necessary to enable vessels to enter Gaspé Basin, which is the only harbor on the coast, and one much frequented by shipping. As it is now it is very difficult to make in dark or bad weather.

*Vautier.*—The natural dangers of navigating the Gulf and River St. Lawrence are materially increased by the insufficient manner in which they are lighted. Places on which almost every year ships are wrecked and lives lost still remain with nothing to mark their position. And in my opinion, considering the nature of the dangers, there is no part of the British Dominion so much frequented by shipping which is so badly lighted.

Lights, together with heavy guns or whistles should be placed,—

1. On Cape Ray, N. E., so that the mouth of the Gulf should be well marked.

2. On the Bird Rocks. There should be no delay in putting a very powerful light here. The rocks lie right in the track of the shipping, and their danger cannot be over-estimated.

3. A light-ship should be moored at the north end of Sandy Beach, in Gaspé Bay. This also should be placed there without delay, as no place requires it more. The foreign trade in fish and lumber, of Gaspé is considerable, and a large number of vessels enter and leave the port every year. Beside these the number of schooners engaged in fishing, whaling and coasting is very great, and of course, all have to enter Gaspé Basin. Again there is absolutely no other harbor on this coast where vessels in the Gulf can run for safety in bad weather, and it is the head quarters of one of the men of war engaged in protecting the fisheries. For all these reasons the entry to it should be made easy at all times. As it is there is a long sand beach outside with only a narrow passage through which vessels can pass. This is often most difficult, and sometimes impossible, even to those who reside here, and so far as strangers are concerned, at the very time when they most require to enter the harbor they find it out of the question, and a good many go ashore on the beach. A light-ship moored at the end of it would obviate the difficulty and make practicable the only harbor in the district. There is a lantern on Peninsula, opposite the beach, but instead of being any good to mariners, it is when seen, more likely to mislead them. The only place on which a light could be placed that would be of any use, would be where I have said, on Sandy Beach. A red light is preferable to a white one.

4. A light-house is much wanted on Cape Chatte for vessels on the south side of the river.

*Fluelin.*—The navigation of the Gulf is very dangerous, and more light-houses should be built. In all cases there should be very heavy guns or whistles, as the fogs and snow-storms are among the principal causes that make the navigation difficult.