

trade to Newfoundland, which is also pretty extensive. There is not much trade with the United States from Victoria County. Schooners are almost solely employed.

*W. Ross.*—Nearly all our vessels are coasters trading to Halifax, the United States and Newfoundland. As a general thing not many vessels are built or owned in this county except what are required for its own coasting trade.

*McAulay.*—Nearly all our vessels are coasters trading to Halifax, Newfoundland and United States.

*Question 37.* Are your coasts or river channels dangerous, and if so what kinds of danger exist, and what means are in use to indicate their presence? State where light houses, guns, fog bells or whistles are placed, and where, in your opinion others are required.

*Answers of—*

*Cartwood.*—South of this place the coast is well provided with lights and harbors, and perfectly safe. North, there are numerous good natural harbors, but no lights or beacons of any kind. A light house between Chantly Island and Cove Island (Lake Huron) is much wanted.

*Chalmers.*—There are no dangerous places in this County.

*Patterson.*—Our coasts are generally well supplied with light houses. I would advise the following alterations: That the light house on Snake Island shoal, four miles above Kingston be placed on Four Mile Point. It does not now protect vessels in passing, as it stands so far from the edge of the shoal that vessels get aground out side of it, the channel at this place being very narrow. The standing light on Point au Pelée, Lake Erie, should be a revolving light, and the red light on Point au Pelée should be a white light. It could then be seen at a much greater distance. There is a shoal in the fair way, about half way between Point au Pelée and Ear Point, on which there is at present a floating light supported by private subscription. There should be a light ship placed here by Government.

We have no guns, fog bells or whistles as signals for vessels. It would be a great advantage to the trade to have signal guns at the following places, namely: Nine Mile Point, Peter's Point, Gibraltar Point, Toronto, Burlington Bay Canal, and Port Dalhousie, in Lake Ontario, and at port Colborne, Long Point and Point au Pelée on Lake Erie.

There should also be a fog bell that could easily be heard one mile off, placed on the Queen's wharf at Toronto to assist vessels entering the Harbor. The Harbor Commissioners who collect tolls on vessels entering the Harbor, and have now a surplus fund, should be required to erect this Bell.

*Fraser.*—There is no danger except from collisions, which no rule or precaution will entirely prevent.

*Dunham.*—Not dangerous. Light house at Port Burwell.

*Simpson.*—A light house required on Hope Island, Lake Huron.

*Taylor.*—They are not dangerous. There is a light house on the American side of the mouth of the Niagara River.

*Scott.*—No. There is on the west end of the Island called "Gibraltar Point" a light house, and one also at Queen's Wharf, about one and three-fourths of a mile further to the west. The island referred to is opposite Toronto.

*Whitehead.*—Not very dangerous, with ordinary care. No guns, no bells or whistles; horns are used occasionally.

*Anderson.*—Our channels and lake coast would be very dangerous but for the manner in which they are lighted and buoyed, which renders them safe by day and night. There is a lightship on the Colchester Reef, Lake Erie, the property of private individuals, and kept up by subscriptions from both Canadian and American vessel owners, which has been of great service to the shipping navigating Lake Erie, and has been the means of saving a great deal of property. I would recommend that the Government keep a lightship there permanently.

*Gaskin.*—In thick weather the entrance to River St. Lawrence from Lake Ontario is dangerous, the passage being narrow, and no means at present in use to indicate the near approach to the entrance. I am of opinion that a gun should be placed on Nine Mile Point to be fired every 15 minutes, also one each on Long Point, Gibraltar Point and Port Dalhousie, and a fog bell at Burlington Beach. I would also strongly recommend the