

Proposed Gas Buoys Between Batiscan and Port St. Francis.

As before stated, acetylene gas has been introduced by the Department for gas buoys, and this will enable the Department to establish buoys after the opening of navigation more rapidly than the use of pintsch gas, which is made by special apparatus adapted to the pintsch gas only. The ship channel between Batiscan and Port St. Francis, will be lighted by gas buoys for a distance of 30 miles, as soon as the buoys can be procured.

ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Gas Buoys on the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Kingston.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries acquired from the Railways and Canals Department of Canada, 39 gas buoys and the steamer "Scout." These buoys have been maintained between Montreal and Kingston, by the Department of Marine and Fisheries and have given great satisfaction to the large number of vessels engaged in the carrying trade, from Montreal and other points on the St. Lawrence river.

Orders have been placed for 11 shallow draft spar gas buoys at a cost of \$1,600 each, to be put in position between Montreal and Kingston, and 13 of the same kind for the ship channel below Montreal.

Gas Store Holders for Lighthouses between Montreal and Kingston.

In addition to the gas buoys the Department is procuring 42 steel store holders for converting lighthouses between Montreal and Kingston, into automatic gas lights, and 40 gas lanterns.