
BUOYS AND BEACONS

A red buoy has been laid down on the N. E. end of the middle ground on the South Traverse, and the beacon at St. Valier has been placed on the beach at highwater mark. This beacon, when taken in a line with the steeple of St. Valier's church, forms a mark for the red buoy on the west end of Ile Madame.

The following is a record of transactions in reference to works still under the direct control of the Department, and not yet handed over to the Quebec Trinity House :

LIGHT HOUSE ON SOUTH WEST EXTREMITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

In February, 1860, the Chief Engineer of this Department submitted an elaborate report, which was printed in the Appendix of the Annual Report of the Department for the year 1859, on the Light-houses which were required for the proper lighting of the navigation of the Gulf and the River St. Lawrence.

One of the several suggestions made in this report was that one or two light-houses should be erected at the south-western extremity of the Island of Newfoundland.

The report stated that if after further consideration it should be determined one light house was sufficient, then the proper site of that light-house would doubtless be Cape Ray ; but that if on the other hand it was decided that two were required, then the two sites would be Cape Anguille for one, and either Pointe Enragée or Duck Island for the other.

Duck Island is $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Pointe Enragée.

This subject was taken into consideration by the Government of Newfoundland in 1865, and the result of their deliberations was communicated to the Canadian Government. In consequence, an Engineer from this Department was instructed to meet an Engineer appointed by the Government of Newfoundland, and to visit the locality with a view of forming an opinion as to the proper portion of the expense which should be contributed by each of the Governments towards the erection of this light-house.

The Engineer sent with these instructions reported in 1865, and stated that the authorities of Newfoundland had suggested a third site on which to erect the light-house, which Mr. Page had already proposed to erect, either at Pointe Enragée or on Duck Island.

This third site was on Channel Island, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Duck Island, and it was suggested by the Newfoundland Engineer because it lighted the entrance into the harbor of Port aux Basques.