

Serpent Reef.

A buoy was placed in September last to mark Serpent Reef, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off the coast of the county of Gaspé, being the locality where the ss. "Hurons" stranded. The buoy is a wooden can buoy 6 feet in diameter, painted black, moored in 6 fathoms water about one mile from shore, and $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles south-east by south from Fame Point lighthouse. The water 250 feet inside the buoy is only 12 feet deep, and although there is a 7-fathom channel farther in, it is crooked and not considered safe. All vessels should therefore keep outside of the buoy.

PRINCIPAL REPAIRS TO EXISTING STATIONS.

Algernon Rock.

The pier here was considerably injured by ice and required repairs to timbers and sheathing with boiler-plates. Some repairs to the tower were also required. The work was carried out by the keeper with local assistance at a cost of \$273.31.

Anticosti, Heath Point.

Buildings were reshingled and repairs to tower work was performed by two carpenters sent down from Quebec under superintendence of Mr. Pierre Jobin, foreman, at a cost of \$77.55.

Anticosti, South Point.

Repairs to dwelling and outbuildings, reshingling, covering lantern, new windows, floor painting, carried out by the two men who did the work at Heath Point. Cost, \$261.66.

Anticosti, South-west Point.

Materials and shingles for sundry repairs were sent down. Keeper did the work. Cost, \$37.25.

West Point, Anticosti.

Tower, dwelling and outbuildings and boat were repaired and painted by the two workmen above referred to, at a cost of \$226.19.

Ash and Bloody Island.

The pier at Bloody Island damaged by ice was repaired by the keeper and help at a cost of \$10.60.

Batiscan Tower.

The foundation required to be filled under with sand owing to frost causing upheaval. The tower was painted, lantern re-covered; work performed by keeper and assistance allowed. Cost, \$74.94.

Bird Rocks.

The boiler, tanks and hoisting apparatus were repaired in agency's work-shops at a cost of \$74.70.