

making the land, while the existing lighthouse on Cape Spear, and the superior one to be erected this year on Cape Race, can be seen at a great distance—and in clear weather light the entire coast between the two Capes.

The evidence of experienced mariners proves the eastern shore of Newfoundland to be much more free from fogs than most parts of the North American coast. It is only when the wind varies in the unusual quarter between east and south, that the heavy sea-fog from the great banks drifts in upon the land, and then it is so common to find clear weather within a mile of the shore, that persons well acquainted with the navigation near Newfoundland run boldly through the fog, the safe nature of the coast justifying the practice.

May, June, and July, are the months when fogs prevail, and they are notoriously more frequently encountered south and west of Cape Race than north and east of that point. Halifax Bay is particularly subject to them, and although the entire coast of Nova Scotia is beset with reefs and hidden dangers, the Cunard steamers have hitherto experienced no difficulty, and but little delay, in making port in consequence of thick weather.

There are eight harbours between Cape St. Francis and Cape Race, a distance of about 90