

to Quebec, or coming from Quebec hither. A light-house on Bird Island would only be of use to vessels coming from Europe. It is known that the Deadman's Rock has been fatal to many vessels, and a light-house on the west point would indicate its position in urgent cases. If but one is to be put up, it would be better situated on the west point than upon Entry Island.

*Soucy.*—As to light-houses, there ought to be one on the Island of Bonaventure, which being opposite to Percé and about a league distant lies immediately in the way of all vessels. The light should be on the off side of the Island on Pointe à Margeau or on Monte Ste. Anne, on the latter it would cost less and be visible nearly fifty leagues off. On Point St. Pierre also, there should be a gun or some other means of warning vessel of the danger of the little Island of Blotteau which lies off Point St. Pierre twelve arpents distant. There are shoals extending between the above named points nearly 18 leagues.

*Piper.*—Having been engaged in the North American trade, I know the Gulf and river St. Lawrence well. At all times dangerous; the spring and autumn navigation is worse than any other part which I am acquainted, and certainly no place calls more urgently for the additional light-houses and light-ships. I should recommend as being most wanted, lights as follows:

1. A light house on Cape Ray, Newfoundland, so that the entrance to the Gulf may be well defined. At present the north side of it is unmarked.
2. A light-house on the Bird Rocks. I know of no place where a light is more a light if more needed than here. It is a place of *great* danger, is right in the track of all shipping, and has nothing to point out its position to mariners.
3. A lightship on Sandy Beach, in Gaspé Bay. A great many vessels enter and leave the Port of Gaspé, which is besides, the only place of safety to which a ship can run for shelter on this coast, and the entrance to it should therefore be well marked and easily made, especially in the thick weather so frequent in the Gulf. There is a small lantern sometimes shown on the Peninsula, which is opposite this beach, but this is perfectly useless even when a light, and a light-ship placed where I have indicated is the only thing to render access to the harbor safe.
4. A light-house should also be placed on Cape Chatte, in the river. This is also very necessary, as the south side is wholly unmarked.
5. Light-ships should be placed also, on Manicouagan shoals, and on Red and Green Island Reels, in the river as these are very dangerous places.

Besides lights there should be heavy guns and whistles, &c, for thick weather.

*Le Boutillier.*—I know the Gulf of St. Lawrence well, and consider its navigation very dangerous. We have fogs and snow storms often, especially at the time when our fish freighting vessels are navigating it in the autumn and spring. I should strongly recommend light-houses and cannon or whistles to be put on Cape Ray, N. E., and above all, a very powerful one on the Bird Rocks. This last is very necessary, as it is a place of great danger. I also advise that a light-ship be moored at Sandy Beach, in the Bay of Gaspé, so that vessels may easily make the only harbor they have to run to in this part of the Gulf.

*J. Le Gressly.*—The navigation of the Gulf and the River St. Lawrence is extremely dangerous, and the danger is increased by the absence of light-houses on some points which should be marked. In my opinion new light-houses and light-ships should be placed as follows:

1. A light-house on Cape Ray, N. E. If this were done, with the light already existing on St. Paul's, the entrance to the Gulf would be well defined.
2. A light-house on the Bird Rocks. This is above all needed to mark one of the most dangerous spots in the Gulf, and the light here should be of the best kind. Very heavy cannon, or a powerful steam whistle should also be used in thick weather. The interests of navigation require immediate attention to this.
3. A light-ship should be moored at the end of Sandy Beach in Gaspé Bay. A great many vessels are engaged in the Gaspé trade, and many are constantly loading fish on the coast. All these have to run for shelter in the gales and thick weather, that so often happen, in the autumn especially, to Gaspé Basin, *there being no other harbor on the coast.* The entrance to it should therefore be made as practicable as possible, and a light-ship on Sandy Beach is the only way to do it. There is at present a small lantern hung up on Peninsula, opposite Sandy Beach, but *no light on this point is any good to mariners, and there*